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A COMEDIAN'S PLIGHT.

Adventure That Befell Nat Goodwin on a Christmas Night.

The most eventful Christmas I ever passed was in 1891. We had played in Utica Christmas eve and were to leave on an early morning train for Poughkeepsie. The company caught the train all right, but it was frightfully cold and a blizzard was raging. I decided to wait for a later train, which would reach Poughkeepsie about 5 o'clock. Instead of clearing up, however, the storm grew worse, and the train that I waited for never came. It was stalled in a drift up the road somewhere. I began to realize then that it was a cold day for me in more senses than one.

I tried to hire an engine, but didn't succeed, for there was none. I finally gave it up in despair and went back to the hotel. George Appleton, my manager, was made of sterner stuff than I, however, and in about two hours had organized a party of storm bound passengers and persuaded another railroad to make up a mixed train and try to get us through to the uncompleted bridge at Poughkeepsie. We would be landed on the opposite side of the river, they said, but we could get across to the town by the ferry. The depot was about three miles outside of Utica, and it took us three hours and a quarter to reach it. There was no fire in the cars we secured, and mighty little in the engine. At 8 o'clock Christmas night we were dumped out at the landing opposite Poughkeepsie.

The river was full of jagged masses of ice and the ferryboats had been compelled to stop running at 6 o'clock. There was

THE GUARD WAS OBDURATE.

no possible way of crossing except by the half finished railroad bridge, and that was guarded at either end by watchmen, who had orders to allow no one to pass. Moreover, there was no approach to the bridge, whose ice clad buttress arose abruptly from the river's edge to a height of a hundred feet or more. The other passengers stopped right there and sought shelter in a neighboring hotel. I wanted to follow their good example, but Appleton wouldn't let me. He said we had gone too far to turn back then, and, besides, a sturdy small boy at the hotel had offered to show us how to climb to the bridge. He was rewarded in advance, and then we set out to battle with fate. The small boy took the lead, Appleton followed him, I made a close third, and my valet, Jack, formed a kind of rear guard to look after my remains in case of accident. Our small guide led us straight to the huge buttress of the bridge, which was built of massive blocks of stone arranged in terrace form from its broad base to its narrow apex. These terraces were about 15 feet high and covered with ice and snow. It was impossible for a man to climb them unaided, but the boy was equal to the emergency. After prowling about for a few minutes he found a ladder which had been used by the workmen. I can't begin to describe the difficulties and dangers of that climb, but at last we scrambled to the top, with clothes torn and hands bruised and bleeding. Fortunately the watchman was walking toward the middle of the bridge, and we had a chance for a good start before he could stop us. After a short breathing spell Appleton, Jack and I began our perilous journey along the narrow footpath that stretched across the ghastly looking ironwork, but before we had reached the middle of the bridge the watchman stopped us and ordered us to go back. We pleaded and protested and argued, but it was of no use. He wouldn't even take a bribe. Hereupon the boy Jack loudly called my attention to the fact that the water looked awfully cold down below. Appleton quickly added that under certain circumstances it would make an excellent plunge bath, and I chipped in with a flippant remark about it being a 3 to 1 shot.

That watchman evidently thought we meditated murder or some equally desperate crime, for his eyes fairly bulged from their sockets as he backed away from us as far as the narrow footpath would permit. We brushed by him instantly and continued on our way without any further interference from him. The watchman at the other end of the bridge, however, proved of different metal. He was as big as two of us, and we didn't dare to attempt any bluff with him. He was even more obdurate than the other fellow. It began to look as though all our labor was to be in vain when Appleton whispered to me to run while he engaged the watchman in conversation. Well, I scooted, and so did Jack, but we didn't scoot far, for we were brought to a sudden standstill by the abrupt termination of the bridge at the buttress. It was a sheer 100 feet to the ground and there was no ladder. I gave it up again and could have wept scalding tears if it hadn't been so cold. Appleton, however, succeeded in pacifying the watchman and came to our rescue with grim determination in his stride. He boldly jumped down the first terrace and called upon Jack and me to follow. Jack did so, but I hesitated. That 15 feet seemed like a precipice, and the landing on the next terrace looked awfully hard and insecure. I didn't dare to jump, so I compromised by taking a kind of toboggan slide on my coattail. It wasn't as exhilarating or as fascinating as many other slides I have had, but it was quite as exciting. In this way I reached terra firma in a somewhat dismantled condition. Incidentally I bade a tearful goodby to my trousers next day.

It was about two miles from the bridge to the opera house, and we had to foot it, because there wasn't a vehicle abroad that night. We ran most of the way to keep from freezing, and after frightening a couple of women into hysterics, because they misunderstood our hurried request for information, we arrived at the theater at a quarter past 9 and proceeded with the performance. As there was no time to change I went on just as I was, looking like a scarecrow on a Massachusetts farm. The audience was good natured, though, and readily forgave me when they learned what had happened. NAT C. GOODWIN.

An Early Christmas Drinking Song.

The following verses from the original old Norman French are said to be the first drinking song composed in England:

Lordlings from a distant home,
To seek old Christmas are we come.
Who loves our minstrelsy?
And here, unless report missay,
The graybeard dwells, and on this day
Keeps yearly wassail, ever gay
With festive mirth and glee.

Yule Cakes.

Yule dough, a kind of baby or little image intended to represent the child Jesus, made of paste, was formerly baked at Christmas and presented by bakers to their customers "in the same manner as the chandlers gave candles." They are still called Yule cakes in the county of Durham, England.

Those who object to have the little folks believe in Santa Claus, ten chances to one have a mighty dull Christmas at their homes. The child that is overly smart, and cannot be fooled with Santa Claus stories, nine times out of ten is more trouble to his folks than the urchin who has explicit faith in the legends about old Santa. Hang up the children's stockings and be sure you don't forget, if you want the little ones to feel happy on Christmas morning.

Water was let out of the canal last Thursday.

PARDEE HALL IN ASHES,

Incubator Fires Scientific Building of Lafayette College.

Pardee Hall, the beautiful four-story stone scientific building, which was presented to Lafayette College by Ario Pardee in 1891, at a cost of nearly $300,000, was almost entirely destroyed by fire early Saturday morning, causing a loss of nearly $100,000. The centre of the structure and the entire west wing were gutted, and only the blackened walls are left standing. Besides the damage to the building, thousands of dollars' worth of valuable property belonging to professors at the college was destroyed.

The fire originated in the biological laboratory and must have been burning for a considerable length of time before it was discovered. It was about 5 o'clock when Lehigh Valley Railroad employes noticed a blaze coming out of the windows of the hall, and tetephoned to the College Hill Engine Company. The fire spread from the biological department toward the west throughout the second floor of the lateral wing, and, after licking up everything inflammable there, attacked the upper floors of the centre of the structure. Just before the blaze burst out in this portion of the building it looked as though the firemen were getting the better of the fight. The hot flames from the top story of the west wing, however, seething and whirling and leaping 30 feet in the air, soon caught the south towers on the fifth floor and then the work of destruction began anew. The fire ate down to the fourth floor and then through the ceiling, from which burning debris dropped to the floor of the main audience room. This was soon ablaze, and such a seething mass of fire has not been seen there since the same auditorium was burned almost nineteen years ago. The fire is believed to have been started by incubators that were used to develop germs in Professor Davidson's department.

Many of the show windows of our town merchants are very tastefully decorated for the holidays. Among the most noteworthy are Gidding & Co., Hockman, Hess Bros., Mercer, Roys, Rishton, Hartman & Son, Pursel & Harman, Broadway, Clark & Son, Bloomsburg Store Co., Leader Co., and others.

AWFUL WRECK.

An awful wreck occurred on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Altoona on Tuesday. A freight train consisting of thirty loaded cars was on its way down the mountain at that city. A slight rain which froze on the rails as it fell made the track very slippery, and before the engineer and train men had time to apprehend the danger, the heavy train had attained a momentum which could not be checked by the brakes.

The distance of twelve miles was covered in the frightful speed of less than a mile a minute, and the runaway train crashed into a freight train standing in the Altoona yard, directly in front of the Altoona station. The wreckage piled up higher than the top of the passenger station.

About fifty cars were completely demolished and a passenger train which was standing on one of the tracks was thrown over on its side. The engineer and fireman escaped unhurt. One man by the name of S. Kuster, was seriously injured. Two brakemen, Corbin and Vurner, are missing.

Deputy Beaten.

Clubbed a Hungarian and Had to Go to a Hospital.

An echo of the Lattimer shooting affair occurred at Hazle Brook Saturday, when the miners at that place lined up at the pay office to get their monthly wages. The coal and iron policeman sent to maintain order was William Raught, who is now under indictment for murder as one of Sheriff Martin's deputies, and who is said to have fired the last shot deliberately.

His appearance excited an ugly disposition among the men, and one of the Hungarians refused to get into line. A fight followed. A number of men engaged in the fray. Hordach was clubbed by the officer, but the latter accidentally slipped and fell.

His gun dropped from his grasp. This was seized immediately, and the prostrate officer was beaten into insensibility. He is now at the hospital.

The family of Harry Christian was increased Sunday morning by the arrival of a young daughter.

MISS HERBERT COMMITS SUICIDE.

A profound sensation has been caused in social and political society at Washington, D. C., by the suicide of Miss Leila Herbert, daughter of Hilary A. Herbert, who was Secretary of the Navy under President Cleveland. The young lady jumped from the third story window of her father's residence, No. 1313 New Hampshire Avenue to the asphalted yard below, a distance of forty feet and died almost instantly. She was very popular, and during her father's official life as a member of President Cleveland's Cabinet was his constant companion, and was the leader of all the functions given by the Naval Secretary. Miss Herbert has been an invalid for some time, suffering from the results of a fall from her horse. The coroner of the district, Col. Carr, after hearing the facts in the case and having been informed that Miss Herbert had been for some time suffering from melancholia gave a certificate of death by suicide committed while temporarily insane.

Farmer's Institute.

Don't forget the Place and Date—Court House, Monday and Tuesday Jan'y. 10th and 11th. This will be a rare treat not only for farmers and agriculturists but for the general public. The music will be of the best and with Messrs Yetter, Yost and Hartman as managers of this department nothing need be said. Local talent will take active part in all the discussions and with the able help furnished by the state every session promises to be full of interest and instruction. Come prepared to stay. Bring questions on subjects in which you are interested. The question box will be an important feature and post us well if we but use it. Program in next week's paper.

The Hazleton *Plain Speaker* says that the launching of a new republican paper is under consideration in that city. Editor Tubbs of the Shickshinny *Mountain Echo*, will be editor and general manager of the new enterprise.

John S. Williams went to Shamokin on Tuesday to cry a horse sale for Ezra Kellar.

A SUDDEN DEATH.

On Wednesday afternoon about half past four o'clock, Mrs. Anna M. Pennypacker suddenly expired. She had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. S. Rishton, on Market street for several weeks, and while sitting with her in an upstairs room, Mrs. Pennypacker's head suddenly fell forward, and before she could be removed to the bed she had ceased breathing. During the day she had seemed in excellent spirits, and there was no premonition of her sudden and startling death. Dr. Graydon was summoned, and efforts were made to revive her, but without avail.

The deceased was the widow of the late Oliver H. Pennypacker, of Philadelphia, where all of her married life was spent. Her age was sixty years. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Her surviving children are Mrs. W. S. Rishton of Bloomsburg, Miss Blanche of Philadelphia, and Harry, of California. The remains will be taken to Philadelphia tomorrow morning at 8.30 on the D. L. & W. and the interment will take place at Mt. Vernon Cemetery. There will be no services at the house.

From Shamokin to Danville

The Danville News says that citizens need not despair of having an electric railroad built to connect with Shamokin via Paxinos, Elysburg, and Big Roaring Creek; also from Danville to Bloomsburg and Espy. Work of surveying is already under way. Building operations will begin next March. It is stated that orders for the rails will be placed with the North Branch Steel works of Danville.

AT THE HYMENEAL ALTAR.

Eddie F. Dawe, and Miss Gertrude Foy were united in marriage by Rev. D. N. Kirkby, before a large number of invited guests in St. Paul's Episcopal Church at ten o'clock yesterday morning. The groom is the collector for the Bloomsburg *Daily* and the bride is a popular young lady of town. The newly made man and wife took the P. & R. train for a wedding trip to Niagara Falls and other places. On their return they will take up their residence at Mrs. M. M. Phillip's house on First Street.

UNREST.

A song of praise for restless souls,
Who ever dwell at home,
Altho' forever in their hearts
They hunger and would roam.

They never look on mountain tops,
And never sail the seas,
But dream of lands Elysian
And golden argosies.

They never travel anywhere
Except on fancy's wings,
And never hear a note of song
Save those which nature sings.

Their music is the wild-bird's song,
That floats o'er hill and plain,
The thrush's note, the plover's call,
The sound of falling rain.

With anxious eyes they watch the year
Begin its brief career,
With heavy hearts they see it fade
Into the winter drear.

In all their lives there comes no time
To break the close-pent bars,
Till kindly Death declares them free
To range among the stars.
—S. C. L., in Chicago Record.

TRIAL BY FIRE.

There are colonels and majors and generals and some old captains who hold that Isabel Hampden was the most attractive woman who ever graced the frontier; and in their time most women seemed attractive because of their scarcity. She was handsome, accomplished and clever, and something more than all these which was inexplicable but very potent. She had been brought up in garrisons and large cities, and by the time she was two-and-twenty she knew the world rather well. Moreover, she knew men—not girls and women, but men.

Because she had been allowed to live in posts during most of what should have been her boarding-school days, and because she was pleasant to look upon and to converse with at an age when most girls are impossible, men had fallen in love with her pretty much ever since she could remember. It was said that she had refused all the bachelors in all the frontier regiments. This was not far from the truth. A woman who had married one of the rejected ones said that refusing was a habit Miss Hamden had formed, and that it began to look as if she might never break herself of it. In the nature of things, this was repeated to the girl. Her good temper was one of her charms. "It is so much better a habit than accepting them all," she argued, sweetly. Nevertheless, she wondered if there were not some truth mingled with the malice.

But Lieutenant Loring was the last victim of her practice. He proposed to her, unfortunately for himself, just after she had met young Ardsley.

"I thought this morning that maybe I would marry you," said Miss Hamden. "But I've changed my mind, some way."

Loring was accustomed to a great deal of frankness from her, but it clashed with his notions of feminine modesty for a woman to have entertained thoughts of marriage before the offer thereof.

"Weren't you just a trifle prompt in determining my intentions?" he asked.

"Has the event proved me wrong?" she returned.

He lost his temper. "You are spoiled," he said.

"If you knew how often I have heard that! Yet I do not think I am. I am simply sincere, and you are a little too vain, all of you, to grasp the difference. I like you awfully well—no, now, don't misunderstand me. I don't love you. And you are too nice a fellow to be married to a girl who only likes you. No," she repeated, "I do not think I'm spoiled. I am not agitated and tearful as I ought to be, perhaps, under the circumstances. I used to be, but I've passed that. I have been so placed that men were making love to me at an age when other girls were playing dolls. It's partly because I am pretty and partly, largely, because there are so few women out here. When I have been in the East, I haven't made much of a sensation. I've grown a bit hardened, perhaps. Custom has dulled the edge—which was fearfully keen and cutting at first—of being told that I am breaking a heart. But, though I am only twenty-two, I've lived to see dozens of you marry and be happy. You'll do the same."

"Oh, no, I shall not!" moaned Loring.

"Oh, yes, you will, Jack. And I sha'n't mind. Now I've promised to dance this with the new Mr. Ardsley, and if we stay out here any longer, every one will guess what has happened."

"They'll know, when they see me."

"Don't be a goose, Jack. It's only the heart that is trying to take itself seriously that exhibits the pain."

He left her, with an exaggerated bow, as young Ardsley came up.

As Miss Hampden waltzed off with Ardsley, she knew that Loring was wrong, that this tall boy, fresh from West Point, as new in experience of the world as the brass buttons on his blouse, was the man she was going to love. He would love her, of course. It is to be feared that it did not enter her head that he might not. She liked his strong, rough-cut face, and his jolly, stone-gray eyes, and his drawling, heavy voice, and his waltzing, and the way he held her. After the dance she determined that she liked his hands, and when she looked at them, she saw a ring.

"May I see it?"

"Is that your class ring?" she said.

"Yes," he told her.

He gave it to her, and while she examined it he sat and admired her. On his part, he liked the women who carried themselves haughtily, he liked tall women, he liked straight, black hair and olive skin and dark eyes and large features and a neck of statuesque proportions. In short, he liked exactly the things he had never fancied up to then. Miss Hampden raised her eyes and met his. She smiled, but it was like no smile she had ever bestowed on a man before. He looked at her lightly very gravely, and her hand closed tightly over the ring. In a moment she was studing it again.

"I like this. It's unusual," she said.

"I am glad you think so, as I conceived the design." He expected to be told that he was clever.

"Indeed!" was all she said, and that indifferently.

"How cool! I rather thought you'd express surprise, and give me some credit. You are not addicted to flattery, it would seem."

"I am not. But I don't think it would have been flattering to be surprised that you have done it. It struck me as being quite the thing you would naturally do."

"That is very pretty."

"It is perfectly true."

It happened, oddly enough, that Ardsley chanced not to have heard of Miss Hampden's reputation by the next night. He was rudely awakened t on knowledge of it. There were private theatricials in the hoproom, and Miss Hampden was the leading lady. Now the suitor was quite recovered, and he meant to play a joke on those in the audience who were not—and these were some eight or ten, three of them married. He proposed to the heroine in nicely read lines, and was rejected by herwith a perfection that spoke her practice. So the audience thought; and it laughed. When the laugh had subsided, the hero arose from hisknees. He walked to the footlights and sighed.

"Ah! well," he said, "I have one crumb of comfort. I am not the only man in this place who is in the same fix."

The astonished Ardsley looked about him, and he picked out the entire number by their faces. Miss Hampden dropped her head in her hands and laughed with the rest.

Between the acts, Ardsley made inquiries and learned the truth. He was bitten with a desire to obtain the unattainable, and he was not one to dally. He went behind the scenes.

"Whom are you going home with, Miss Hampden?" he asked.

"I fear no one will take me, after the light Mr. Graves has put me in."

"May I do so-"

She nodded, and Ardsley went back to his seat.

"So you have refused the entire army?" he asked, as they walked home

"Not quite."

"The entire department?'('

"Well, a fair percentage of it," she admitted.

"Are you going to refuse me?"

"I can't say until you are offered."

"I offer myself now."

"And I accept you now."

"Good enough! Will you announce our engagement tonight at supper?"

"At the risk of being adjudged insane—yes."

"Put on this ring until I can get you another. Your hands are not small. It will fit your middle finger. Now I am in earhest."

"So am I," she said.

They were very much in earnest, the event proved; and the garrison derived unmixed pleasure from the total, unconditional, obvious surrender of Miss Hampden. She was as open in her infatuntion as she had always been in everything else. And Ardsley was equally infatuated. He took back the class ring and gave her a diamond which cost him three months' pay. They were altogether happy. So, just a fortnight before the day arranged for their wedding, the Gods demanded the first payment on their loan.

Ardsley was ordered off on a scout. Miss Hampden was the sort of a girl who might have been expected to take this reasonably. But she did not. She clung to Ardsley, and cried like any little girl, and did not behave in the least like a woman who had seen countless scouts. And she let him go to the wars remembering her standing with her arm against the wall and her head upon her arm, sobbing as if her heart were utterly broken. He himself was moved and stern. Loring would have liked to remind her that hearts which were really wrung did not show their pain. He had not yet recovered.

Ardsley did not come back from the scout. He was in a fight on what should have been his wedding day. Others were killed, and their bodies were recovered and buried, but Ardsley's body was never found. There was a tale that a fire had been seen on the battle-field the night after the encounter, and in the midst of the fire a tree with a form which might have been that of a man against it. There were Indians grouped around it. Miss Hampden never heard the story. She never even guessed at what had happened until twenty years afterwards.

She was the superb and spiritless wife of a mighty general, and she was accompanying her husband on a tour of inspection in the West. They were at an agency, one day, and were visiting tepees. It was the agency of the Indians that young Ardsley had fought two decades before; and the general's wife was nerving herself not to show that she remembered this.

The general was examining the trinkets that hung on a string around the neck of a half-blind squaw.

"Here is a West Point class-ring!" he exclaimed.

His wife repeated her words of twenty years a-past.

"May I see it?" she asked, coolly.

She took it in her hands and turned it about. She could make out the design, though it seemed to have passed through some heat that had melted it. There was no doubt in her mind. Nevertheless, she looked inside. The heat had not affected it there, and the initials were quite plain even yet.

"D. A.," she said, "it was David Ardsley's ring. The fire did not touch the letters. I understand now why they never could tell me which was his grave."

The general broke the string and picked up the class-ring from among the scattered baubles. The squaw was chattering and whining and clawing around on the earth. The general held the ring out to his wife. She raised the dark eyes that had been so bright and happy the last time it had been held out to her.

"Can I have it?" she asked.

The general put it in her hand, and the hand closed over it. "Thank you," she said.—Argonaut.

Sheep in Wolf's Clothing.

Wallace—I didn't know you rode a wheel.

Perry—I don't.

"Then what are you wearing knickerbockers and a sweater for?"

"To keep the fool bicycle riders from running over me. They think I'm one of them."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

THE CZAR AND THE DOLLS.

Emperor "Nicky" Had a Strong Desire to Understand Their Machanism.

As every one knows, M. Faure was bearer of some extraordinary Paris dolls to the little Grand Duchess Olga when he went to St. Petersburg recently, but now comes the droll story of the reception given them by the Emperor himself. The baby Grand Duchess, it seems, was not more entranced than her august papa with these sweet dollies who carried on a squeaky dialogue as between mother and child, but after an hour passed in their society nurse was obliged to take the little Princess to bed, and the Emperor was then left alone with the two clever artificial ladies. In an adjoining room the Empress, M. Faure and some ladies and gentlemen of the court were talking, when suddenly a strange noise like that of an infernal machine was heard, followed by a loud exclamation of dismay. Everybody rushed to see what it was. There was the Czar safe and sound, but with a dismal face, looking at the dolls, which he had partly undressed, to find out the secret hidden in their bosoms, while the dolls were chattering away as though they would never stop! The gentle Empress quite lost her temper; snatching up the carpeted board on which the precious ladies were standing she gave it to a gentleman near her, "Please take it away," she cried, "it is too bad. Indeed; the Emperor spoils everything he touches," but as "Nicky" looked very penitent and the situation was so funny, she could not help laughing. "You see how it is," said the Emperor, "I am not permitted to talk with my own daughter's doll!" At this sally the company laughed heartily, and peace was at once restored. It is hoped that Miss Olga's new possession will be no more interferred with, or, at least, the French people will send another doll for the Emperor's own entertainment.—Boston Herald.

THE USE OF THE GREAT TOE.

It Serves the Negroes of the West Indies in Climbing.

The negroes of the West Indies use the great toe constantly in climbing. Several years ago, while spending some time at one of the famous resorts in Jamaica, a writer in the Overland Monthly says: I had an opportunity to observe the skill with which the black women, who do a great part of the menial labor, carried stone, mortar and other building materials on their heads to the top of a five-story tower, in a part of the hotel not then finished.

Much of the unerring accuracy with which they (women and girls) chased each other up and down the long ladders, with heavy loads skillfully poised on their woolly pates, was due to the firmness with which they grasped each rung of the ladders with the great toe. They did not place the ball or the hollow of the foot on the rung, but the groove at the juncture of the great toe with the body of the foot, and they held fast by making the back of the other toes afford the other gripping surface. In much the same way the Abyssinnian native cavalry grasp the stirrup. And I have seen a one-armed Santo Domingan black, astride the near ox in a wheel yoke, guiding a lead mule with a rein held between his great and second toes, while his only arm was devoted to cracking his teamster's whip.

Settled the Question of Age.

D. W. Caldwell, the late President of the Lake Shore, and John F. Miller, general superintendent of the southwest system of the Pennsylvania, were friends all their lives, but there was one thing on which they could never agree, and that was as to which was the older. One day they were driving up to Caldwell's country home in a buggy.

"John," said the Lake Shore man, "you have always insisted that I am older than you."

"Why, of course, I was born in—

"That's all right, John; if you are younger than I am suppose you open the gate."

Without a word Mr. Miller climbed from the buggy, opened the gate, and Mr. Caldwell drove through. And then he did not stop, but went on to the house, leaving Mr. Miller to follow through the dark and mud as best he could. When the house was reached the soil was scraped off Mr. Miller and nothing more was said. He had proved that he was the younger man of the two.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Redmen on the Matrimonial Question.

Two items are furnished by our red brothers of the wildwood apropos of the matrimonial question. Mrs. Black Hawk, the wife of Black Hawk, the noted Cheyenne chief, cut her throat because she felt that her husband needed a younger wife. In Vancouver, Skookawak, another Indian chief, finding that his squaw was growing old, tied her to a pony's heels and then started the pony. This proved effectual, and he is now ready for a younger squaw. The methods of the chivalry of the forest differ materially from the white man's. When the latter wants another squaw he doesn't bother about the old one. Nor does the old one cut her throat. The slow advance of civilization among the Indians is shown by their repugnance to paying alimony.

Measurable.

"And," asked the sociologist, "when you are alone at night under the starry sky, are you never filled with immeasurable longings?'

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DWELLINGS THREATENED.

Houses in the Gap Row are Being Disturbed.

For several weeks past some of the company houses on the northern side of Line street have given indications of disturbance by the workings of the Kehley Run colliery and the effect has become so much more pronounced during the past few days that the officials of the colliery have deemed it advisable to notify the occupants of the houses that it will be safer for them to vacate.

This precaution has not been taken through any fear that the houses will be carried down from the surface, but to avoid danger from fire. The disturbances are caused by an abandoned gangway of the colliery and the subsidence cannot become very extensive, still the houses may be sufficiently disturbed to displace stove pipes in the houses. Should this occur fire may result, and there would also be danger of suffocations by coal gas should the effect take place at night.

None of the families have moved yet. The houses affected extended from White street to Bowers street and embrace six double blocks occupied by twelve families. As vacant houses are very scarce in the town it can readily be seen that the condition of affairs is is a severe blow to the occupants.—*Shenandoah Herald.*

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Eggs per dozen	.26
Lard per lb	07
Ham per pound	.10
Pork, whole, per pound	.06
Beef, quarter, per pound	.07
Wheat per bushel	1 00
Oats " "	.30
Rye " "	.50
Wheat flour per bbl	5.00
Hay per ton	12 to $14
Potatoes per bushel, new	.80
Turnips " "	.25
Onions " "	1 00
Sweet potatoes per peck	.35
Tallow per lb	.05
Shoulder " "	.08
Side meat " "	.08
Vinegar, per qt	.05
Dried apples per lb	.05
Dried cherries, pitted	.12
Raspberries	.12
Cow Hides per lb	.3½
Steer " " "	.05
Calf Skin	.80
Sheep pelts	.75
Shelled corn per bus	.50
Corn meal, cwt	1.50
Bran, "	.85
Chop "	.00
Middlings "	.85
Chickens per lb new	.08
" " " old	.08
Turkeys " "	.12½
Geese " "	.14
Ducks " "	.08

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That the democratic party fights best and wins oftenest when it is aggressive is well known. Therefore the action of the democratic caucus of the House in running up the party flag with declarations, writ so large that even he who runs may read, against the retirement of the greenbacks, either directly or indirectly; against any extension of privileges enjoyed by National banks, and for the recognition of the belligerency of Cuba, and the enactment of a just and wise bankruptcy law, was wise as well as good politics. It shows the country that if the republicans in Congress were afraid to announce a policy for the session in advance of the Christmas recess, which extends from toworrow until Jan. 5th, the democrats were not.

It has been often denied on the floors of Congress that the logical outcome of the present civil service law would be a civil pension list, but now Secretary Gage has actually started a civil pension list, under the alias of a "roll of honor," to which all Treasury Department employes more than 70 years old are to be transferred for life, at a uniform annual salary of $900 each—that is, they are to be, unless Congress upsets this programme, which it is more than likely to do. Nothing has occurred since the civil service act was placed upon the statute books that will do more to open the eyes of the people to the correctness of the position of those democrats who favor the repeal of that law. The country is today staggering under the burden of its military pension list, and will not carry a civil pension list.

Those snide patent attorneys, said to be quite numerous, who make a practice of getting the cash of inventors under the pretense of procuring and selling foreign patents on their inventions, knowing that no foreign patent that is worth the paper upon which it is written can be gotten for them, and that no sale can be made, are in a bad way. Acting Commissioner of Patents Greeley, who earned his spurs by his conduct of the investigation that resulted in reforming a number of glaring abuses in Patent Office practice, is on their trail, and determined to break up such criminal methods, and his determination, ability and honesty are all of the A. I. brand.

An attempt is to be made to have the House and Senate Indian committees agree on legislation for Indian Territory, but inasmuch as the Senate Committee has already agreed to a bill for apportionment of the lands of the five civilized tribes, it looks as though that means merely an attempt to get the House Committee to accept the bill of the Senate Committee, which is supported by the Dawes Commission and opposed by the representatives of the Indians.

Although the National Board of Trade, which held its annual session in Washington this week, changed the time for holding its annual meetings from January or February to December for the avowed purpose of influencing Congress, its members must be fully convinced of the impossibility of getting the gold legislation they, in common with Secretary Gage and his side partners of the "monetary conference," are trying to secure from the present Congress.

This has been a red-letter week, indeed, in the career of Senator Daniel, of Va., who has been chosen to succeed the late Senator Harriss, of Tenn., as a member of the Senate committee on Finance, and unanimously re-elected to the Senate by the Va., legislation. Two such honors seldom come to any man in a single week, and it is not surprising that Senator Daniel should be overwhelmed with congratulations on his good fortune.

The republicans of the House should be held responsible for their failure to save the $1,000,000 or $1,500,000 a year which Representative Bingham asserted could in the opinion of himself and his colleagues on the Appropriation committee be saved by the reduction of extravagant salaries paid to clerks in the departments. If that committee has such an opinion, it failed to perform its duty when it reported the legislative, Executive and Judicial appropriation bill, now before the House, without providing for those reductions.

There are reasons for believing that there are a sufficient number of republican Senators who will refuse to reverse their previous votes against the right of a governor to appoint a Senator after a legislature has failed to elect when it had an opportunity, to make it certain that Mr. Corbett will not be given that Oregon vacancy, even if a majority of the committee on Elections and Privileges reports in his favor, as it probably will.

Mr. Richard Crocker, the widely known Tammany democrat, was a guest of Senator Murphy this week. He said that he only ran over to Washington for a rest and a change, but there was probably considerable New York politics in the long talks he had with Senator Murphy.

Search for Minister's Body.

Believed to Have Been Murdered and thrown in a River.

The police of Harrisburg are trying to locate Rev. S. Sparrier, a Church of God minister at New Bloomfield, whose satchel and blood-stained derby hat were Friday found along the Susquehanna River bank in that city.

Spartier was in the habit of wearing a silk hat, and the finding of a derby, cut with a knife across the side, mystified the officers. A blood-stained pocketbook was found near the satchel, which leads to the belief that the minister was murdered by highwaymen and his body thrown into the river. Mr. Sparrier is about 75 years old, and is well- known in this locality as a preacher and a book agent.

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SCHOOL STATISTICS

Superintendent of Public Instruction Ready to Report on Education in Pennsylvania.

The advance sheets of the annual report of Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, superintendent of public instruction, for the fiscal year ending June 1 last, have just been issued. The report shows that the number of school districts has reached 2482, that the total enrollment of pupils during the year ending June 7, was 1,109,872, the average monthly cost per pupil was $2.26 in Philadelphia, and for the State outside of Philadelphia, $1.22, and the total expenditure was $19,618,187.09. Of this amount $1,113,379.02 was expended for text books and supplies, $3,688,604.36 for building purposes and $15,929,582.73 for maintenance.

Dr. Schaeffer suggests that the powers of school boards be limited in the amount of money to be expended upon apparatus for ungraded schools. He declares the State appropriation of $5,500,000 has put Pennsylvania in the front rank of States that have advanced education. Taxation, distribution of the funds and legislation also receive attention and the subject of free libraries is exhaustively dealt with.

Of the county institutes Dr. Schaeffer says: "Comparison of the overflowing houses which now greet the school officials with the slim audiences of the early days of the system shows how the interest in the public schools has grown everywhere. In some of the cities and larger boroughs the high school attendance has almost doubled in the last five years. Without doubt, more should be done to establish high schools in rural districts and to give commercial and industrial education in city high schools. The era of manual training has hardly begun to dawn outside of Philadelphia."

The report concludes as follows: "Under the act for the distribution of the school appropriations more money will go to the sparsely settled rural districts. This should be used to secure more efficient teachers and there lengthen the school term. It is to be regretted that all efforts to lengthen the minimum term from six to seven months have thus far ended in failure.

"The plea that the people cannot bear the expense was used when the free schools were established, and it will continue to be used whenever men are afraid of losing votes or fear that there will not be money enough for purposes dearer to their hearts than the education of the rising generation. If the country boys and girls are as good as those of the city they deserve equal educational facilities."

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Hunter's First Thought in Extreme Peril Was for His Dog.

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A Michigan man has patented an air ship, comprising a cigar-shaped inflatable vessel, a car attached to it by pivoted arms, so that the car can be tilted up or down to guide it; the propelling and steering being done by the usual fanblade propellers.

In a recently designed refrigerator the ice chamber is formed of a series of parallel bars, set in one side of the refrigerating chamber, which hold cracked ice and permit the free circulation of air between the bars and around the small pieces of ice.

A procession of icebergs sent against the surface of the sun would melt at the rate of three hundred million cubic miles of solid ice a second, and its heat is estimated to produce a force of about ten thousand horse power to every square foot of its surface.

Of the children born alive one-fourth die before eleven months, one-third before the twenty-third month, half before their eighth year, two-thirds of mankind die before the thirty ninth year, three-fourths before their fifty-first year, and of about twelve thousand only one survives a whole century.

Frank W. Very, of the Ladd Observatory, R. I., has made some curious observatians on the flight of migrating birds seen at night crossing the face of the moon. He watched them with a telescope of four inches aperture, magnitying forty times. The observations were made in the latter part of September. The great majority of the birds moved from north to south, and traveled in little companies. Their average speed, as calculated by Mr. Very, was sixty-seven miles an hour, although some appeared to travel at the rate of more than one hundred miles an hour.

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Vaccinating Cattle.

The first vaccination of cattle by the State Sanitary Live Stock board since its recent meeting, when it was decided to stamp out disease, was ordered last week by State Veterinarian Pearson. "Blackleg," a form of disease premonitory of anthrax, was reported in cattle at Warriors Mark, Huntingdon county, fourteen in three herds being affected. The state authorities secured vaccine matter from Washington Thursday and a man was sent from Philadelphia to give the herd attention.

Disease in Pencils.

An investigation of the spread of diphtheria among the pupils of the public schools of Baltimore has led to the conclusion that it is largely caused by the use of pencils and penholders. Health Commissioner McShane has sent a communication to the school board recommending a different system than the one in vogue of collecting the pens and pencils at the close of school each day and redistributing them next day. The commissioner says the children place the pencils in their mouths and disease is thus communicated from child to child by the indiscriminate use of pens and pencils. He has recommended that each child be given the same pen and pencil every day and that all the penholders and pencils be sterilized.

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STATIONS.	EAST. A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Northumberland	6 25	1.50	10 00	5 50
Cameron	6 38	.....	.....	6 03
Chulasky	.....	.....	.....	6 07
Danville	6 50	2 12	10 21	6 13
Catawissa	7 03	2 26	.....	6 28
Rupert	7 09	2 31	10 36	6 33
Bloomsburg	7 14	2 36	10 41	6 39
Espy	7 21	2 42	10 46	6 45
Lime Ridge	7 30	2 48	.....	6 52
Willow Grove	7 34	2 52	.....	6 56
Briarcreek	7 38	.....	.....	7 00
Berwick	7 48	3 01	11 02	7 09
Beach Haven	7 51	3 07	.....	7 12
Hick's Ferry	8 00	3 13	.....	7 19
Shickshinny	8 10	3 24	11 21	7 35
Hunlock's	8 20	3 34	.....	7 47
Nanticoke	8 27	3 42	11 36	7 54
Avondale	8 32	3 47	.....	7 58
Plymouth	8 37	3 52	11 43	8 03
Plymouth Junction	8 42	3 57	.....	8 07
Kingston	8 50	4 05	11 52	8 12
Bennett	8 52	4 08	.....	8 16
Forty Fort	8 56	4 11	.....	8 18
Wyoming	9 01	4 17	12 00	8 22
West Pittston	9 06	4 22	.....	8 26
Susquehanna Ave	9 10	4 25	12 07	8 33
Pittston	9 15	4 30	12 10	8 29
Duryea	9 19	4 34	.....	8 44
Lackawanna	9 24	4 37	.....	8 48
Taylor	9 32	4 45	.....	8 57
Bellevue	9 37	4 50	.....	9 02
SCRANTON	9 42	4 55	12 30	9 07

STATIONS.	WEST. A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
SCRANTON	6 00	10 20	1 55	6 00
Bellevue	6 05	.....	.....	.....
Taylor	6 10	10 28	2 05	6 10
Lackawanna	6 18	10 35	2 13	6 17
Duryea	6 22	10 38	2 16	6 21
Pittston	6 28	10 42	2 20	6 25
Susquehanna Ave	6 32	10 46	2 23	6 28
West Pittston	6 36	10 48	2 27	6 31
Wyoming	6 40	10 51	2 32	6 36
Forty Fort	6 45	.....	.....	.....
Bennett	6 48	11 00	2 39	6 44
Kingston	6 54	11 04	2 45	6 53
Plymouth Junction	6 59	.....	2 5	.....
Plymouth	7 04	11 12	2 54	7 04
Avondale	7 09	.....	2 59	7 07
Nanticoke	7 14	11 20	3 04	7 10
Hunlock's	7 20	11 30	3 10	7 16
Shickshinny	7 30	11 40	3 20	7 26
Hick's Ferry	7 44	11 50	3 35	7 37
Beach Haven	7 54	11 55	3 45	7 48
Berwick	8 00	12 00	3 49	8 00
Briarcreek	8 06	.....	3 55	.....
Willow Grove	8 10	12 10	3 59	8 11
Lime Ridge	8 14	12 15	4 04	8 15
Espy	8 21	12 21	4 11	8 23
Bloomsburg	8 28	12 27	4 17	8 30
Rupert	8 34	12 32	4 23	8 36
Catawissa	8 40	12 38	4 29	8 41
Danville	8 55	12 49	4 42	8 58
Chulasky	.....	.....	4 49	.....
Cameron	9 05	12 58	4 54	9 10
NORTHUMBERLAND	9 20	1 10	5 08	9 25

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7.10	11.15	6.30	2.15	Bloomsburg	8.34	2.40	6.45	6.10	
7.08	11.40	6.26	2.0	" P. & R.	8.36	2.42	6.47		
7.08	11.37	6.24	2.28	" Main st.	8.39	2.44	6.50		
6.53	11.27	6.12	1.50	Paper Mill	8.48	2.54	7.01	6.37	
6.50	11.25	6.09	1.45	Light st.	8.51	2.59	7.05	6.50	
6.40	11.13	5.59	1.30	Orangeville	9.02	3.10	7.14	7.10	
6.29	11.03	5.48	1.00	Forks	9.10	3.20	7.24	7.35	
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6.08	10.45	5.27	2 3	Benton	9.30	3.40	7.43	8.30	
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6.02	10.38	5.20	12.07	Cole's Crk.	9.37	3.47	7.51	8.46	
5.58	10.33	5.16	11.53	Lanoach	9.42	3.52	7.01	9.00	
5.43	10.23	5.03	11.42	Central	9.57	4.07	8.11	9.05	
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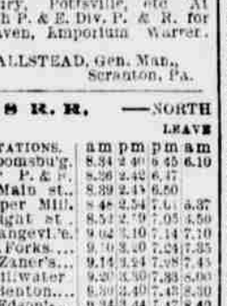

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Scranton(D & H)lv	5 6	9 38	12 28	4 41
Pittston " "	7 04	10 00	1 2 50	5 06
Wilkesbarre...lv	7 30	10 15	1 3 12	5 6
Plym'th Ferry "	7 38	10 29	1 3 21	7
Nanticoke..... "	7 46	10 37	3 30	
Mocanaqua..... "	8 04	10 45	3 50	
Wapwallopen. "	8 13	10 55	3 59	6 47
Nescopeck ..... ar	8 24	11 10	4 10	7 09
Pottsville.....lv	6 00	9 05	12 35	3 00
Hazleton ..... "	7 10	11 35	2 00	5 30
Tomhicken..... "	7 20	11 42	2 20	6 10
Fern Glen..... "	7 38	11 3	2 28	6 18
Rock Glen ..... "	7 43	11 4	2 37	6 25
Nescopeck..... ar	8 07	.....	3 00	6 50
Nescopeck.....lv	8 24	11 10	4 10	7 00
Creasy ..... "	8 33	Via	4 18	7 09
Espy Ferry..... "	8 43	Rock	4 25	7 18
E. Bloomsburg"	8 47	Glen	4 30	7 23
Catawissa..... ar	8 55		P.M. 4 36	7 30
Catawissa.....lv	8 55	12 20	4 36	7 30
S. Danville..... "	9 14	12 38	4 55	7 47
Sunbury..... "	9 25	1 00	5 17	8 10
Sunbury.....lv	9 45	1 10	5 34	9 25
Lewisburg ....ar	10 15	1 45	6 08	.....
Milton..... "	10 10	1 20	6 09	9 10
Williamsport.. "	11 00	2 30	6 8	10 30
Lock Haven..... "	11 59	3 40	7 57	.....
Renovo ..... "	A.M.	4 40	8 50	.....
Kane ..... "	.....	9 00	.....	.....
Lock Haven...lv	12 10	8 45	.....	.....
Bellefonte.....ar	1 05	4 44	.....	.....
Tyrone..... "	2 15	6 10	.....	.....
Philipsburg..... "	4 23	8 26	.....	.....
Clearfield..... "	5 06	9 09	.....	.....
Pittsburg ..... "	6 55	11 30	.....	.....
Sunbury.....lv	9 50	1 55	5 25	8 30
Harrisburg....ar	11 30	3 20	6 55	10 10
Philadelphia..ar	3 00	6 28	10 20	4 30
Baltimore..... "	3 10	6 00	9 45	6 30
Washington "	4 10	7 15	10 55	7 40
Sunbury lv	10 05	2 25	.....	.....
Lewistown Jc ar	P.M. 12 05	4 20	.....	.....
Pittsburg..... "	6 55	11 5	.....	.....
Harrisburg.....lv	A.M. 11 45	P.M. 6 50	P.M. 7 30	P.M. 10 20
Pittsburg.....ar	P.M. 6 55	11 30	A.M. 2 00	A.M. 5 30

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	P.M.	P.M.	A.M.	A.M.
Pittsburg.....lv	3 10	3 10	3 20	8 00
Harrisburg....ar	3 30	3 35	110 00	3 10
Pittsburg.....lv	.....	A.M.	.....	A.M. 8 00
Lewistown Jc."	.....	7 30	.....	P.M. 3 05
Sunbury... ar	.....	7 9	.....	5 00
Washington....lv	P.M. 10 40	A.M.	A.M. 7 50	A.M. 10 50
Baltimore ..... "	11 50	4 55	8 50	12 00
Philadelphia... "	11 20	4 30	8 30	12 25
Harrisburg..... lv	A.M. 3 45	A.M. 8 05	P.M. 11 40	P.M. 3 55
Sunbury... ... ar	5 08	9 40	1 10	5 29
Pittsburg.....lv	P.M. 1 00	.....	A.M. 3 20	A.M. 8 00
Clearfield ..... "	4 09	.....	.....	9 31
Philipsburg.. "	4 56	.....	.....	10 12
Tyrone..... "	7 15	.....	8 10	12 30
Bellefonte..... "	8 31	.....	9 32	1 42
Lock Haven...ar	9 30	.....	10 30	2 43
Erie lv	P.M. 2 25	.....	A.M.	P.M. .....
Kane ..... "	7 05	.....	6 27	.....
Renovo ..... "	10 25	6 40	10 30	.....
Lock Haven.... "	11 11	7 33	11 25	3 00
Williamsport.. "	A.M. 12 15	.....	P.M. 12 15	4 00
Milton ..... "	1 13	9 18	1 13	4 52
Lewisburg..... "	.....	9 05	1 15	4 47
Sunbury... ... ar	1 45	9 45	1 55	5 20
Sunbury.....lv	A.M. 5 25	P.M. 9 55	P.M. 2 0	P.M. 5 42
S. Danville..... "	5 44	10 17	2 21	6 07
Catawissa..... "	6 08	10 35	2 37	6 24
E. Bloomsburg"	Via	10 43	2 43	6 32
Espy Ferry..... "	Rock	10 47	2 47	6 36
Creasy ..... "	Glen.	10 56	2 55	6 46
Nescopeck ... ar	8 07	11 10	3 10	6 59
Nescopeck.....lv	.....	A.M. 11 10	P.M. 4 15	P.M. 7 05
Rock Glen..... ar	6 52	11 35	4 40	7 31
Fern Glen..... "	6 59	11 43	4 46	7 37
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1897.

GETTING INTERESTING.

The following article dated at Washington appeared in the Williamsport *Sun* on Monday. It says :

The fight for internal revenue collector in the Twelfth district of Pennsylvania is getting interesting. Ex-Congressman Fred C. Leonard, of Potter county, was here a few days ago, and the intimation given out by him after his visit that Senator Quay was for him has stirred up the old candidates. Congressman Kulp, of Northumberland county, promptly trotted out L. C. Rohrbach, of Shamokin, as his choice for the place. "Farmer" Kulp has seen Senator Quay and is satisfied that he has not committed himself to Leonard.

Yesterday Major H. W. Bardwell, of Tunkhannock, arrived in Washington with a delegation of Wyoming county Republicans, headed by Captain R. W. Bannatyne, ex-chairman of the Republican county committee. They called on Congressman Codding and Senators Penrose and Quay and pressed the claims of Major Bardwell for the collectorship.

Another man who is anxious to step into Grant Herring's shoes is William T Reed, of Luzerne county. He has been here for several days seeking congressional influence. It is understood that he is backed by ex-Congressman Leisenring. Still another aggressive candidate is Major Penman, of Scranton, who acts as confidential secretary of Congressman Connell, and is earnestly supported by him. It is said by some of the Scranton congressman's friends that Senator Quay is anxiously on the lookout for Connell's man and that he will make Penman United States marshall for the western district if it is deemed advisable to give the collectorship to some one else. Ex-Congressman Leonard is regarded here as the man who will eventually land the collectorship.

A $2,000 DINNER.

Attorney A. S. L. Shields of Philadelphia, gave a dinner to eleven friends at Hotel Bellevue, Saturday night. It was one of the most elaborate and exquisite dinners ever given in that city. It was the result of an election wager made by Mr. Shields and the eleven invited friends were present when the wager was made. We take the following account from the Philadelphia *Press* of Sunday :

"Good luck was the sentiment of the occasion and everything connected with the dinner bore the symbol of that sentiment. The red parlor of the Bellevue, where the merry diners held carnival, bore the aspect of a sylvan grotto, transplanted from some deep-hidden retreat in the tropics. It was a patch of flowerland.

Banks of potted palms completely covered the walls. American Beauty roses blushed from the thick foliage of green, and great clusters of poinsetta, the Yuletide flower, peeped out from the background of palms. In the center of the room a table, quite large enough for a dozen covers, was laid in the contour of an inverted horse's hoof. The concave central portion was an exquisite oblong bank of pink carnations, of which there were 2000 separate plants. The frog of the foot was made of double violets. Bunches of American Beauty roses, and boutonnieres of lilies of the valley were scattered about the table.

Above it hung a huge horseshoe, as though just lifted from the foot, suspended by streamers of wild asparagus, fastened at each corner of the room. This horseshoe was itself an exquisite floral piece, wrought of bright green Alabama ailanthus, and decorated with seven bunches of white carnations, to represent the nails, opposite which, on the table below, were floral pieces in horseshoe form to mark the places where the nails had pierced the foot.

The traditional symbol of good luck was wrought into every thing connected with the dinner. The host presented to each of his guests a miniature horseshoe scarf pin with a diamond setting inclosed in a handsome case of leather and satin. The aggregate cost of these handsome souvenirs of the night's merriment was nearly a thousand dollars."

There is no doubt but what the participants enjoyed themselves, and spent a delightful evening, but it would have been far more creditable for Mr. Shields and his associates, had they expended the two thousand dollars in relieving the suffering of some of the poor in the city of Philadelphia.

It will be remembered that Mr. Shields was the principal attorney for L. S. Wintersteen in the famous dynamite conspiracy case.

STRAY PARAGRAPHS.

—Snow.

—Get your skates sharpened.

—In court a divorce suit isn't often the case.

—The B. & S. time table is revised in this issue.

—A man's shoe ought to understand him pretty well.

—Money talks, but it doesn't have much to say to some of us.

—Nearly all our town merchants report a fair holiday trade.

—Now the plumber rejoices in the anticipation of frozen water plugs.

—The elephant never goes to a watering place without his trunk.

—By giving derby hats to your friend you can make your presents felt.

—If somebody else loses a penny and you find it, of course you are innocent.

—" One sure way to remove superfluous hair " says the Manyunk Philosopher, "is to get married."

—Checkers is the popular passtime at the Sheriff's office, William Hosler appears to be the champion.

—Germany is threatening the Atlantic coast, but it doesn't seem to cause much uneasiness in Washington.

—Willie—Ma give me a cake of yeast. Mother—Why ? What for child ? Willie—I want to raise some dough.

—Why doesn't some ingenius dentist invent a new way of taking impressions for false teeth ? The present method is an old gag.

—The employees at the electric light plant must have over slept themselves Wednesday morning; the lights were burning at nine o'clock.

—The newly erected fourth ward fire company's quarters, serves as a good loafing place. Boys of all ages congregate and fill the place every night.

—Postmaster Mercer's term will expire in March. Just who will be his successor no one seems to know. There will be several disappointed ones no doubt.

—German carp measuring thirty-two inches and weighing 15 pounds were caught by means of a seine when the water was let out of the canal at Rupert last week.

—Passenger—"Let me off at Minute street." Conductor—"There aint no such street to my knowledge," Passenger— "O ! Well, sixty-second street will do."

Ah vainly I am sighing
For the good old days, long dead
When the girl I now take sleighing
Was contented with a sled,

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

What Has Occurred There Since Our Former Report.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by Clerk W. H. Henrie, since those last published.

Franklin Shuman of Main Township and Miss Emma J. Shuman of Espy.

Arthur J. Chadwick of Bloomsburg and Miss Martha Florence Wanich of same place.

William J. Patterson of Greenwood township and Miss Hannah Warner of Greenwood township.

J. W. Girton of Buckhorn and Miss Minnie Brugler of Hemlock township.

Clarence Rhodes of Cleveland township and Miss Ida Tields of Franklin township.

Frank N. Remley of Bloomsburg and Miss Clara May Kyler of Espy.

TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE.

The following transfers of real estate have been recorded in the office of C. B. Ent, register and recorder, during the week.

Jacob Lewis to Mary T. Faus for tract of land in Jackson township.

John G. Freeze and wife to John G. Harman for land in Bloomsburg.

Peter Oberdorf and wife to William M. Oberdorf for land in Berwick.

Wm. Oberdorf and wife to Alice Oberdorf for tract of land in Berwick.

C. C. Evans Admr. to Emma G. Jackson for land in Berwick.

C. B. Jackson and wife to Elena Michael for tract of land in Briarcreek township.

Wesley Evans and wife to Charles W. Kline for tract of land in Briarcreek township.

Daniel C. Royer and wife to Wm. J. Knorr for tract of land in Mifflin township.

The prosperity wave has surely struck Pittsburg. All the large iron works in that city have started up, with increased forces and with an advance in wages. Beside the boom in the iron works all other industries are getting ready to begin operations and it is expected that next year's business will be the best in the history of that city.

—A vein of iron ore nine feet thick, smelting 60 per cent, pure iron has been located in Centre County.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Estate of H. F. Clark, deceased. H. A. McKillip appointed auditor.

Minnie A. Keller vs. Harry Keller. Divorce. O. B. Mellick appointed Commissioner to take testimony.

Lillie Zimmerman vs. James Zimmerman. Divorce. E. J. Ohl is appointed to take testimony.

Cosmopolitan Building and Loan Association vs. Emma Neyhard. In re exceptions to acknowledgement of Sheriff's deed by B. W Jury. Charles G. Barkley is appointed auditor to pass upon said exceptions and make distribution of the funds arising from said Sheriff's sale.

Sheriff's deeds acknowledged as follows :

To Leander Krum, land in Centre township.

To Republic S. & L. Association, hotel in Bloomsburg.

To Abraham Custard, land in Orange township.

To J. L. Dillon, land in Bloomsburg.

To Citizens B. & L. Association, house and lot in Centralia.

To same, property in Centralia.

To J. M. Buckalew, land in Fishingcreek township.

To John G. Freeze, Atty., land in Benton township.

Citation awarded in estate of J. M. C. Ranck.

Order for sale of real estate granted in estate of Mary Smith, deceased.

The case of W. J. Knorr vs. D. C. Royer and D. Miller was settled upon the convening of the Court Thursday afternoon, by which D. Miller was acquitted of liability for payment of the $600 note, and the charge of forgery against D. C. Royer dropped, and W. J. Knorr to take the Royer farm, and lien on personal property, and pay all costs.

J. S. Cole vs. P. C. McHenry. Judgment for $608.23.

Estate of John Neyhard, deceased. Order of sale granted.

Court adjourned till nine o'clock Friday morning.

Estate of Chas. E. Winner. Citation awarded.

Berwick Cemetery Co. Petition to approve the investment of trust funds. Approved by the Court.

Olive T. Reitmyer vs. Wm. T. Reitmyer. Alias Subpoena awarded.

Clara Shultz vs. Wm. M. Shultz. Divorce. Peter K. Shultz appointed commissioner to take deposition.

Estate of C. L. Belles, deceased. J. H. Maize appointed auditor to make distribution of funds in hands of Laura M. Belles, Administrator.

William Krickbaum vs. John Mourey. This was a suit brought by the former to recover a judgment against the latter. The argument for the defense was made by W. H. Rhawn, and for the plaintiff by James Scarlett. The jury returned with a verdict for the defendant.

Petition of E. W. Adams in re unsoundness of mind of Evan D. Adams. W. H. Snyder appointed Commissioner as prayed for.

Estate of John Hunt, deceased. Citation awarded.

Estate of Elizabeth Linden, auditor's report confirmed nisi.

Gideon Michael vs. Poor District of Borough of Berwick. Case stated for opinion of Court. Papers in hands of Court.

Lizzie G. Gray vs. David C. Gray. Subpoena in divorce awarded.

W. A. Evert appointed Auditor of public accounts.

Lizzie Mourey vs. Solomon Mourey, Divorce. O. B. Mellick appointed Commissioner to take testimony.

Girard College, Philadelphia, will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary on January first. It is expected that President McKinley will be present.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE
—OF VALUABLE—
REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of an order, issued out of the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, Pa., the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Wm Rohrbach, late of Franklin township, deceased' will expose to public sale, on the premises of said decedent, on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 1898,

at 1:30 o'clock p. m., the following described real estate, situate in Franklin township, Columbia County, Pa., bounded and described as follows, to wit :

PURPART NO. 1.—Beginning at a stone corner of Samuel Shuler's land in the middle of the public road, leading from the Swamp School House to Roaringcreek; thence by land of Samuel Shuler, north 66 degrees, west 18 and 8-10 perches to a post; thence by the same north 57 degrees, west 7 and 5-10 perches to a post; thence by the same north, 2 degrees, east 9 and 1-10 perches to a stone; thence by the same north, 82¾ degrees, west 16 and 1-10 perches to a post; thence by the same 34¾ degrees, west 18 and 8-10 perches to a stone; thence by the same north 9 degrees, west 8 and 3-10 perches to a stone; thence by the same north 14 degrees, west 4 and 7-10 perches to a stone; thence by the same, and across Big Roaringcreek, north 28 degrees, east 8 perches to a stone, on the north bank of said creek, and in line of Sylvester Hower's land; thence down the creek, by the said Sylvester Hower's land, north 54¾ degrees, west 14 and 8-10 perches to a post; thence by the same north 55 degrees, west 9 and 5-10 perches to a post; thence by the same north 64 degrees, west 9 and 3-10 perches; thence by the same north 11 degrees, west 10 perches to a post; thence by the same north 52 degrees, west 11 and 5-10 perches to a post; thence by the same north 38¾ degrees, west 15 and 5-10 perches to a post, in line dividing land of Sylvester Hower and L. D. Rohrbach; thence by land of the said L. D. Rohrbach, south 60¾ degrees, west 24 and 5-10 perches to a stone; thence by the same north 24 degrees, west 13 perches (more or less) to a stone; thence by the same south 31 degrees, west 37½ perches to a post, in line dividing land of L. D. Rohrbach and Aaron Loreman; thence by the said Aaron Loreman south 76 degrees, east 5 perches to a hemlock, on the west bank of the south branch of Roaring Creek; thence by the said Aaron Loreman south 20 degrees, west 19 perches; thence by the same south 13 and 6-10 perches; thence by the same south 27 degrees, west 11 and 5-10 perches; thence by the same south 79¾ degrees, west 31 perches; thence by land of S. D. Loreman and J. T. Ashworth south 1 degree, west 64 and 7-10 perches (more or less) to a stake in the middle of the public road, leading from Catawissa to Elysburg; thence through the middle of said road south 77¼ degrees, east 13 perches; thence by the same north 88 degrees, east 8 perches, thence by the same north 81 degrees, east 8 perches; thence by the same north 65 degrees, east 6 perches; thence by the same north 80 degrees, east 8 perches; thence by land of Peter H. Vought north 72 degrees, east 22 and 8-10 perches to a butternut tree; thence by the said Peter H. Vought south 56 degrees, east 60 and 8-10 perches to a post; thence by the same south 76¾ degrees, east 65 perches to a chestnut oak; thence by the same and land of Wm. Artley north 1 degree, east 45 and 2-10 perches to the public school house lot; thence by the same north 89 degrees, west 8 perches; thence by the same north 1 degree, east 10 perches; thence by the same south 89 degrees, east 6 perches to line of Wm. Artley's land; thence by the same and land of D. A. Munson north 1 degree, east 30 and 3-10 perches to the place of beginning, containing

115 AND 4-10 ACRES.

PURPART NO. 2.—Situate in Franklin township, Columbia county, Pa., bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stone corner of Christian Teitsworth's land, adjoining land of Francis Ely; thence by land of the said Francis Ely north 12 degrees, west 23 and 6-10 perches to a stone; thence by land of the same south 73¼ degrees, east 8 and 9-10 perches to a post, near a small hemlock; thence by land of John Llewellyn north 2¾ degrees, east 96 perches to a stone (formerly a pine knot), in line of Peter H. Vought's land; thence by land of the said Peter H. Vought north 86¼ degrees, west 52 and 1-10 perches to the west side of the South Branch of Roaring Creek, adjoining land of David Reeder; thence up the west side the South Branch of Roaring Creek, at low water mark, its various courses, 163 perches to a post, also a corner of David Reeder's land; thence by land of the said David Reeder south 4¾ degrees, west 16 and 2-10 perches to a post; thence by the same south 15¼ degrees, west 4 and 9-10 perches to a post, at the north side of the public road, leading from Elysburg to Bear Gap; thence up said road south 78 degrees, east 19 and 3-10 perches to the place of beginning, containing

27⅜ ACRES

strict measure.

TERMS OF SALE.—Ten per cent. of one-fourth of the purchase money to be paid at the striking down of the property; the one-fourth less the ten per cent. at the confirmation of sale; and the remaining three-fourths in one year thereafter, with interest from confirmation nisi.

L. D. ROHRBACH,
Adm'r.

W. H. SNYDER, ATTY.
12-23-4t.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual election of the stockholders of the Bloomsburg Banking Company, to choose a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the bank on Tuesday, January 11, 1898, between the hours of two and four o'clock in the afternoon.

JOHN G. FREEZE,
Secretary.

12.17-97.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Briarcreek Farmers' Mutual Insurance Co., of Lime Ridge, Pa., will be held at Centre Grange Hall, No. 56 P. of H., on Monday, January 10th, 1898, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., for the election of twelve directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

H. H. BROWN,
Secretary.

12-23-3t*

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THE COLUMBIAN

Once Again We Greet You.

The grand and glorious Xmas time is coming near and nearer. Our muse turns common prose into rhyme, a sort of homely Xmas chime—not in poetic style sublime, but, may be somewhat clearer. You know we have always tried before to make this season brighter. We have done our best to turn this store, with all its stock and stuff galore, into a place where more and more the people's hearts grow lighter.

So far the Court its course may ken ;
We're going to do that thing again.

Dress Goods.

In these times, nothing more appropriate for a Xmas gift than a nice dress. We fully recognize the fact, and have added one more choice line to our bargains already offered you. You will find it to your advantage to look here before you buy. We now have 3 lots. All the goods in these lots are absolutely *at and below cost.*

Lot No. 1, all wool Novelties at 23c.

Lot No. 2, all wool Novelties at 29c.

Lot No. 3, all wool Novelties at 58c.

Coats and Wraps.

It will be a long time before you will be able to get such rare bargains in COATS as we are now offering you. Remember we have put prices on all Coats that you cannot help but see when you are saving lots of money. Just take a look at them.

Wrappers.

We always sell the Best Wrappers you can buy for the money. We are now offering you for the Holiday trade a Special in this line. Here it is.

A $1 Wrapper at 79c.

Linens.

We have a reputation for our linen. It is one we are justly proud of. Our stock is the finest you can imagine. Table linens, and napkins, and handkerchiefs in endless variety. We lay special stress on our display of Handkerchiefs, as they are the Finest in Bloomsburg in quality and lowest in price.

Silverware.

This department has also had a going over. You know the the kind we sell. It is the best for the money, and the price is by far lower than we can match again. Goods we sold at $2 25 for each piece, viz., tea pot, sugar bowl, etc., now are marked at $1.50. Quality the same as it used to be.

China & Lamps.

We have the finest display of these goods to be found in town. Our China is in full view down the center aisle of our Dry Goods Department. It consists of an almost endless variety of fancy dishes, and our dinner and chamber setts are the lowest in price and latest in design to be found in town.

A Drive in Kid Gloves.

We are going to give you an opportunity to buy Kid Gloves at prices unheard of before. We offer you the following :

$1.00 kid gloves at 75c.
$1.25 kid gloves at $1.00.
Centimeries kid gloves in all shades, at $1.20.

Groceries.

Our line of Groceries is far superior to any you can find in town. We buy only from the best houses, and the prices are, you will find, in comparison to the quality of the goods, far lower than elsewhere. If you will try us in this department, what we say you will find correct.

Pursel & Harman,

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

Not Mere . . .

Foot Covers . . .

but easy, comfortable, stylish shoes.

SHOES THAT ARE CORRECT

That's what up-to-date men want. That's what we sell, and we don't draw heavily on pocket books either. Fitting feet is our specialty, and we assure perfect comfort to every patron. We carry the largest stock of boots, shoes and rubbers in the county, and all new and fresh and bright. Every size, every shape, and prices not too high—nor to low.

Jones & Walter
FEET FITTERS
BLOOMSBURG, PA.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Absolutely Pure

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

THE COLUMBIAN.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1897.

Entered at the Post Office at Bloomsburg, Pa. as second class matter, March 1, 1888.

OUR OFFERS FOR 1898.

We are able to offer our subscribers some special inducements for advance payments for 1898.

THE COLUMBIAN, and *New York World*, three times a week, $1.65.

COLUMBIAN and *Philadelphia Weekly Times* 1.45.

COLUMBIAN and *Demorest's Magazine*, 1.75.

COLUMBIAN and *Farm News*, 1.00

Subscribe now, and get the benefit of these reduced rates. tf.

A HANDSOME CALENDAR

Every subscriber who has paid in advance for THE COLUMBIAN will be presented with a handsome calendar for 1898, by mail. Every one who pays during December will also receive one. Those who come first will have several designs to select from. tf.

The first of the year is a good time to square up, and take a fresh start. Owing to carelessness on the part of some, and the hard times on the part of others, a much larger number of our subscribers than usual, have not paid for THE COLUMBIAN during the past year. Statements have been, and will be sent to all who are in arrears, and those who receive them are earnestly requested to make payment. Please do not lay them aside with the idea that any time will do. We need the money *now*.

The special sent from this place to some of the Philadelphia papers Saturday saying that the Weatherwax Manufacturing Company had commenced operations with a force of fifty hands manufacturing the patent door knobs is incorrect. The manufacture of the knobs is at present being carried by the Bloomsburg Manufacturing Company, as the Weatherwax Company is not in shape to do the work. The above referred to special is another of the long list sent from this place to the city papers and in which there is absolutely no truth.

Fire broke out in a dwelling in what is known as Montour row, at Danville Sunday evening. The house was occupied by Edward Tooney, who was the only occupant. After the fire was extinguished Tooney was found lying unconscious on the floor, with portions of his body badly burned. It is reported that he cannot recover. It is not known how the fire started.

S. A. Scott will sell his saw mill near Light Street on Thursday December 30. It is a thirty horse power engine and just as good as new. He intends going into other business.

Fragrant Offerings.

EXQUISITE PERFUMES form a tempting part of our Holiday stock.

STERLING SILVER Novelties in beautiful varieties.

LEATHER GOODS in form of pocket books, letter books, dressing cases, and dozens of beautiful articles in leather.

Hand Painted Novelties

dainty array and cheap in price.

LOOK AT OUR WINDOWS.

We Take Magazine Tickets.

W. S. RISHTON, Ph. G.,

Opposite P O. Pharmacist,

BRIEF MENTION.

About People You Know.

David Walsh of Centralia, was a Bloomsburg visitor Saturday.

O. A. Stonge, the popular landlord of Grovania, was in town this morning.

Joseph Deitterich of New Columbus, gave us a pleasant call on Tuesday.

F. Nagle of Espy, made a business trip to Philadelphia on Tuesday.

J. W. Teller of Lewisburg, was a visitor to Bloomsburg Monday.

S. W. Jackson of Scott township, spent a few hours in town on Wednesday.

Samuel Hess of Philadelphia, is spending the holidays with relatives and friends in Bloomsburg and vicinity.

William Kramer of Rohrsburg, is one of our esteemed subscribers from whom we have recently heard.

Mrs. John Zeisloft of Madison township, favored this office with an agreeable visit on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs William Leverett of Philadelphia, will spend Christmas with their friends here

Mrs. M. E. Ent and her mother, Mrs. Petriken, have moved down to town for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. William Webb who have been visiting in and about Philadelphia for the past three weeks have returned home.

F. Cappalo, representing Colliers Publishing House, of Philadelphia, is in town making his monthly calls on subscribers.

J. B. Nuss, one of Main township most prominent citizens, was in town on Wednesday. As a result of a visit to this office he carries a receipt for subscription running into 1899.

Edward Traub left on Tuesday morning for Brooklyn, New York, where he has accepted the position as assistant Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. His many friends wish him success.

Reuben Boston, one of our oldest and most esteemed patrons, of Benton township, sent in a renewal of his subscription on Saturday. He has taken the paper for over thirty years, and his father was a subscriber for a long time before that. We appreciate such friends.

A Merry Christmas to all.

Legal advertisements on page 7.

The Columbia Steam Laundry will be closed on Christmas day.

Williamsport has been admitted to membership in the American League of Municipalities.

The Dr. I. W. Willits Medicine Company with a capital $5000 was chartered at Harrisburg on Monday.

Leases that will collect the rent for the whole year if tenant leaves before expiration of term, also notices to quit, for sale at this office. tf.

Frank N. Remley, an employee of the *Republican* office and Miss Clara May Kyler, of Espy, were married at Wilkes-Barre Saturday evening.

It is rumored that there will be two or three new applicants for hotel licenses in Bloomsburg, when License Court convenes next month.

Bishop Talbot has notified the standing committee of the Diocese of Central Penna. of his acceptance of the position of Bishop of said Diocese to which he was recently elected.

Edward Shoemaker, received a painful cut over his eye by a broken piece of a pulley which he was trying to adjust at the Bloomsburg Car Company Shops, Monday.

Rev. E. H. Yocum, Presiding Elder of the Danville District preached in the Methodist Church on Sunday last. A class of probationers were taken into full membership.

If you are at a loss to know what to send a friend living some distance away for a Christmas present, allow us to mention a year's subscription to the COLUMBIAN.

Dannattie Morello, who is serving a term of seven years in Northumberland county jail for murder in the second degree has been refused a pardon by the State Board at its session at Harrisburg.

There will be no basket ball team at the Normal School this winter, or at least we haven't heard anything about it. It is a good game and we would like to see the Normal put a team in the field.

We are making an effort, for the first time in a number of years, to increase our subscription list. This is a good time to subscribe for 1898. Quite a number of new names have been added during the past week.

The Presbyterian Exchange will be open Friday morning this week instead of Saturday. All kinds of good things for the Christmas table will be on sale, as well as quantities of holly and mistletoe. Clark's basement at nine o'clock.

The following letters are advertised December 21, 1897. Arthur Fitzgerald, Thomas Cannon, Mary Cox, Mr. John S. Derr, Miss Maggie M. Eyr, Mrs. C. S. Girton, Miss Josie Heneen, Mr. W. E. Masteller, Mr. Harry W. Myer, D. W. Stevens, Mr. Chas. T. Shug. Cards. Mrs. Jacob Ole. Will be sent to the dead letter office Jan. 4, 1898.

JAMES H. MERCER, P. M.

The Methodist Episcopal Sunday School will hold their Christmas entertainment Friday evening.

Just try a 10c. box of Cascarets, the finest liver and bowel regulator ever made. 4 1-1y

The Edward sale of personal property in Madison township on Wednesday was largely attended, and everything brought good prices. John S. Williams was the auctioneer.

It has been decided to build an addition to the Match Factory. the present quarters being too small to carry on the increasing business. It will be built of brick and is to be used for storing purposes

Sunday was the coldest day of the season, but the weather moderated considerable Monday and Tuesday. Nearly every body is wishing for a good snow before Saturday. The merry jingle of sleigh bells makes it seem more like Christmas.

The Medical Society of Columbia County held its annual meeting in the Knights of Malta Hall on Tuesday. The meeting was addressed by Dr. B. F. Baer, of Philadelphia on "Gynaecology."

Mrs. Matthias Gearheart, a respected lady of Cambra died at her home in that place Friday. The deceased was a sister of James Buckalew, one of Luzerne County's earliest settlers. She was aged about seventy-seven years.

The ground was white with snow on Wednesday morning, and Frank H. Wilson was the first and only man who tried it with a horse and cutter. The jingling of his sleigh bells on Main street was a new sound this season.

P. Solleder & Co. is the place to buy your shoe making outfits cheap. Have just received 2 large barrels of Patent Reversible Iron Stands of four different styles. A large stock of sole leather, strips of leather, cut soles, hammers, knives, clinch nails, cement, threads, etc. Wholesale and Retail at Rock Bottom prices. 12-16-3t.

Gus Ploch, baker at H. M. Hockman's Exchange Bakery, was called from his boarding house at about half past five Tuesday morning by Ed and Joe Geist who had called him out for the purpose of knifing him, because he had, they claimed, undermined them by working for lower wages and secured their position with Mr. Hockman. Gus stepped outside of the house on the porch to seewho wanted him. He at once saw that the two wanted to fight and knowing he would be no match for the two he stepped back into the house to get some help, but when he returned they had left.

Later they appeared at the bakery, where they made several ugly threats and were ordered away by Mr. Hockman. One of them refused to go and when Mr. Hockman stepped outside the discharged man made several passes at him. He ordered them to be arrested, but the policeman was unable to find them.

MURDERED HIS STEP-DAUGHTER.

James Griner, proprietor of the Pullman hotel, at Duryea, shot and instantly killed his step-daughter, Caroline Shefer, Tuesday afternoon. It appears the two had quarrelled over some money matters. Griner gave himself up at once and was taken to the jail at Wilkesbarre. The murderer is an ex-member of the legislature, representing Luzerne Co., in the house of representatives in 1895. At the expiration of his term he went to Duryea, and has been proprietor of the Pullman hotel ever since.

Modern Treatment of

Consumption

The latest work on the treatment of diseases, written by forty eminent American physicians, says: "Cod-liver oil has done more for the consumptive than all other remedies put together." It also says: "The hypophosphites of lime and soda are regarded by many English observers as specifics for consumption."

Scott's Emulsion

contains the best cod-liver oil in a partially digested form, combined with the *Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda*. This remedy, a standard for a quarter of a century, is in exact accord with the latest views of the medical profession. Be sure you get SCOTT'S Emulsion.

All druggists; 50c. and $1.00.
SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

J. E. ROYS.

Christmas Offerings.

What is more beautiful or more precious than something useful in toilet articles mounted with

STERLING SILVER,

or some piece of jewelry engraved with a beautiful monogram. There is truly nothing that will take its place or fill the heart with greater pleasure and gratitude. Don't fail to see our magnificent assortment. We carry only the finest and positively reliable goods. All articles hand engraved without extra charge.

J. E. ROYS.

Jeweler and Optician.

Sales.

JAN. 22. The administrator of William Rohrbach deceased will sell personal property and real estate of the decedent, in Franklin township. Personalty at 10 a. m., real estate at 1:30 p. m.

Christmas Presents.

P. Solleder & Co., have just received a lot of Hart Mountain Imported night and day singing canaries in prime order, also fancy brass cages and bird supplies.

Beautifully Decorated.

Gidding & Co's Store All Ready For the Holidays—Their Store One of Beauty.

The store of Gidding & Co., is really deserving of special mention. The interior of their store is beautifully decorated with green bunting running in every direction. All the chandeliers, too, are draped beautifully with white wreaths, and stars are hung here and there to help beautify. While a great deal of attention has been given to the interior, the exterior has not been neglected, for their two windows are the source of much admiration; one is beautifully trimmed with neckwear, gloves, handkerchiefs, mufflers, men's jewelry, etc.; the other window represents a gentleman's room, in which are all his wardrobe thrown carelessly around here and there. The windows, as well as their other decorations, reflect much credit upon Gidding & Co., and are certainly worth seeing.

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

Beautiful Calendars Free.

Dainty Works of Art in Water Colors by a Famous Artist.

The water color work of Maud Humphreys always commands a high price, but six of the finest specimens of her pictures of child life have been secured by the publishers of the Philadelphia Sunday "Press" and devoted to the adornment of calendars for 1898, which will be given free to all readers of the Philadelphia Sunday "Press" of December 26 and January 2. The calendars will consist of six cards, fastened together with a silken cord. Each card will contain, in addition to a beautiful picture, the calendar for two months, artistically arranged. Three of the cards will be given free to "Press" readers on each of the Sundays—December 26 and January 2—and the complete set will make a calendar for the year 1898 which will be an ornament to any home. It is announced that the supply is limited; therefore you had better order the Sunday "Press" without delay.

James Shaney, a notorious character of Shamokin, shot William McNamara, through the left lung, at that place early last Friday morning, and the latter is not expected to live. Both men were intoxicated at the time. McNamara is about twenty-five years old and has a wife and two children.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

If you want to quit tobacco using easily and forever, be made well, strong, magnetic, full of new life and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. Many gain ten pounds in ten days. Over 400,000 cured. Buy No-To-Bac of your druggist, under guarantee to cure, 50c or $1.00. Booklet and sample mailed free. Ad. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Holiday Buying

Is nearly over. To those who have deferred buying as yet we say come to this store, you will find many useful articles suitable for gift giving and at moderate prices.

Dress Goods.

These are always acceptable, and make useful gifts. You will find our lines quite complete.

50 in. all wool Suitings, 50c yd.
45 in. Black Figures, all wool, 75c yd.
38 in. Black Mohairs, 50c yd.
48 in. Fine Mohairs, $1.00 yd.

Handkerchiefs.

All the newest effects in Handkerchiefs are here for your approval at little prices.

4 Embroidered Hdkfs. for 25c.
3 " " " 50c.
See our 25 and 50c lines.

Coats and Capes

Always acceptable gifts. We have greatly reduced the prices on these goods. You should see them.

Silk lined Boucle Coats, $6.00.
Double Capes, braid trimmed, $1.98.
Misses' Beaver Coats, $2.98.

Umbrellas.

New lines on sale, the very latest styles, both in ladies' and gents'. Just the article for a gift. You should see them.

A Merry Christmas To All.

Read over this list—it may help you in buying.

We show good lines of the following:—

Ostrich boas, fur collarettes, feather boas, mufflers, mittens, kid gloves; hosiery for ladies, gents and children: underwear, dressing sacques of eiderdown, gents' canes, neckties, ribbons, pocketbooks, card cases, hair and cloth brushes, fancy baskets, clothes hampers, silverware at reduced prices, cut glass, knitted skirts, wool skirts, separate dress skirts, lace curtains, derby curtains, table covers, fur floor rugs, framed pictures, table linens, towels, napkins, counterpanes, lunch cloths, umbrellas, silks for waists, dress patterns, coats, capes, medallions, cuff buttons, jewelry, small china at reduced prices, lamps at reduced prices, Colgate's fine extracts, handkerchiefs of all kinds, men's shirts, black dress goods, colored dress goods, wood stools, jardiniere stands, umbrella stands and many other articles.

H. J. CLARK & SON.

I. W. HARTMAN & SON.

MARKET SQUARE DRY GOODS HOUSE.

A good many people come in on the home run and wait until the two last days to make Christmas purchases.

On Thursday and Friday you will want to come to our store to see the crowd.

Our tables have been almost entirely changed since last week. Many new articles have been opened. The dishes have been re-arranged to fill up vacant places, and those who have not been in before will not know any changes.

The best dishes always sell first, but our stock was so large that many extra nice ones are still here, and you can find prices to suit your purse.

Some are buying Capes, Coats, Blankets and dress goods for presents.

Some are buying Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Boas, and Collarettes for a present.

Some are buying fruit dishes, celery dishes, rose bowls, vases, cracker jars, cup and saucers, etc., for a present.

Some are buying gloves, kid mitts, laces, neckties, etc., for a present.

Some are buying toy beds, cradles, horses, cars, goats, cats, washboards, pianos, etc., for a present.

(See the west window for them.)

Last week we managed to interest a good sized crowd, and in return they interested us by carrying away many packages. This week we expect to double the number, both in people and packages.—SEE—SEE.

(Store closed all day Saturday.)

I. W. HARTMAN & SON.

XMAS PRESENTS

Christmas Presents. **Christmas Presents.**

The place to buy them is at

HESS BROS,

Who are now ready with the finest and largest stock we have ever exhibited. We have

DIAMONDS,

Solid Gold, Gold Filled, Silver and Nickle Watches;

Onyx, China, Porcelain, Plastic Marble, Iron and Wood Clocks;

Solid Gold, Gold Filled, Nickle, Aluminum and Steel Spectacles, which will be fitted by a Graduate Optician and Doctor of refraction.

SOLID GOLD, GOLD FILLED, AND GOLD PLATED JEWELRY,

QUADRUPLE PLATE AND STERLING SILVERWARE.

The very latest and newest decorations in

Fine China and Royal Teplitz ware.

Wood, Leather, Celluloid and Plush Manicure, Toilet, Shaving and Dressing cases. Albums, Mirrors, Bibles, Books, Purses, Pocketbooks, Folding Pocket Kodaks, Cameras, &c., &c.

Now is the time to buy, as the early customers get the best selection. Goods engraved free.

HESS BROTHERS

Jewelers, Opticians and Stationers. Bloomsburg, Pa

—TELEPHONE—

THE RETURN.

A CHRISTMAS STORY BY G. T. FERRIS.

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Frustrated hope threw its blight on the cheery old face as Mrs. Martin read the letter from her son Paul. He had been a wanderer for eight years and now wrote from South Africa. The same feeling haunted Kate Lockwood's fine eyes, though she bit her lip at the conscious revelation. But Mrs. Martin did not see. Her eyes were blurred. And murmuring, "What could have happened to change his mind?" as if it were the presage of some greater blow, she went on with the reading:

"I'd give a few 'sparklers' to be with you on Christmas, as I had planned. But a fellow can't always fulfill his own wishes. It's better to have everything wound up before leaving. South Africa has treated me pretty well up here in its diamond fields, so I shouldn't kick if it keeps me in its clutch a little longer. I shan't be sorry to leave this furnace behind. When my letter reaches, Jack Frost will be abroad with you in Vermont, clad in ice and snow, but here a man will be baking at 96 in the shade. I'm burned as black as any Kaffir in the mines, so that you and Kate would scarcely know my swarthy phiz. By the way, you may tell that young woman from me that I don't half like her goings on with the Swinton man. Didn't she promise to wait for me? I shall have a word to say to her about her faithlessness." And so Paul's letter rambled on in a semichaffing tone. Kate's face had darkened to angry scarlet when Mrs. Martin looked up and said: "Why, my dear, you mustn't take Paul's jokes so hard. You know what a 'tease' he was from a boy."

That was precisely the trouble. Paul had always been joking, Kate feared. A distant cousin and reared in the family, ever since she had emerged into womanhood a more tumultuous sweetness had mingled with the calm affection she had once felt for Paul even as she had for his elder brother Will. When he had gone away, she was only 17, and keenly she had quivered with the pang of parting. Year after year had slid by, and the rolling stone found no rest and the girl's sore heart had certainly found no balm in the absent Paul's jocose phrases. Yet she had sometimes fancied a thrill of sentiment and tenderness quickening his sportive allusions. At all events suitors had lacked fuel for their fire, and her friends rallied the young schoolteacher that the only men folk she liked were the lads, with whom she could be "jolly good fellow" in a most fascinating way. Her latest admirer, the head of a prosperous factory and much liked by the Martins, had no better luck than predecessors.

"There was a time," the old lady continued in reminiscent mood as she laid down the letter, "when I hoped you and Paul would come together some day; but, lackaday, that's all done with. I can't understand the girls nowadays. I s'pose you ain't afeared of bein left an old maid, fer, you know, you're good lookin"—and Mrs. Martin peered quizzically at Kate over her glasses—"but still you might never have such a good offer as Mr. Swinton—plenty of money, not too old, and as good as gold. As for Paul's stayin away another year"—

"What's that about Paul's not comin home?" Mr. Martin's jolly red face, now beginning to pucker with years and care, was filled with dismay as he suddenly entered the room. "That scapegrace of ourn oughter be thrashed of he's a-goin to disappoint us ag'in." So Mrs. Martin again read the letter aloud, while Kate, amid the varied comment of the old couple, escaped for a hearty cry.

Farmer Martin's gloom had a deeper root than ordinary miscarriage of hope. "I'd ruther looked to Paul's help ef the wust comes," said he to his wife, "fer Will's got all he can shoulder. The mortgage on the place has never been easy to meet—what with poor crops and low prices. I met Squire Barber jes' now, and I told him we expected Paul. 'Fer sure,' said he, and laughed with his 'Ho, ho!' like some danged ole hyeny, and then he said he hoped there wouldn't be any delay this year 'bout the mortgage money or somethin might turn up, and then he outs with another snicker. Confound his hide, it's as heartless as his sheepskin books, fer I had allus reckoned him a friend afore."

Though Christmas did not promise any appetizing sauce for its turkey and mince

"WHAT A TEASE!"

pie, active preparation went on as usual, for Will and his children would be there, and their hearts must be gladdened with Christmas sunshine. Arlingford had indeed always kept the day with more fervor than is the wont with most New England country towns. It was the day before Christmas and the farmer was returning from the woods, whither he had gone to select the Christmas tree. The crisp, sweet air was musical with sleighbells, for the earth was sheathed in dazzling white. As he turned into the main street, his bobsled almost collided with a fast cutter spinning homeward from Chester. It was Squire Barber returning from the county seat, some eight miles distant, where his law office was located.

"Merry Christmas, if it isn't too early!" shouted the lawyer, pulling up. "What have you got there? Holly, and as I live mistletoe too. I haven't seen any before for an age."

"Yes," said Mr. Martin, "it comes and goes in a curious way. I hain't found it growin fer ten years till I got this from a half rotten apple tree in the upper orchard." And he held up a sprig of it with its yellow leaves and whitish berries shining like crusted silver in the winter sparkle of the sun.

"The old legend says it brings good luck," answered the lawyer. "I'll drop in this evening and see it hanging, for the chance of kissing pretty Kate under the mistletoe, unless Swinton gets ahead of me." And he chuckled heartily to himself as he drove on.

The Martins had attended the early service in the church and were now gathered in the big parlor where the Christmas tree was set loaded with presents and the children were all agog with eagerness. Mr. Swinton was a guest of the occasion, though not much to Kate's pleasure. The tree had been almost stripped of its burden amid the jubilation of the youngsters, and even Paul's absence couldn't quite quench the heartsome glow of the old folk.

"Ow I 'ood like to see Santy Caus hissef 'en he comes down the chimley tonight!" said little May Martin, her mouth gorged with dripping sweets.

Just then a tremendous clashing of bells rang out as if a whole caravan of sleighs were coming up the road. Louder and louder chimed the silvery music till it stopped before the door amid the pawing of horses' hoofs.

"Who can it be?" they all said to each other. "Perhaps it is Santa Claus," whispered Kate to little May. The child caught

HOW THE OLD MOTHER CRIED AND HUGGED HIM.

at the entrancing thought and rushed to the front door. They heard a scream of terror, and May darted back, gasping and white, to hide her face in her father's lap.

Santa Claus indeed had come to the child's invocation. Framed in the doorway and seeming almost to fill it stood a great, fur clad figure, looking like a gigantic bear on its hind legs. A fur helmet covered the whole face, with goggles in the eyelet holes, and on the furry arm hung a big basket with bulging contents. Amid the breathless silence and wonder the uncouth figure stalked to the Christmas tree and crowded its empty boughs with such a largess of parcels as to bend them low. As the pantomime went on Mr. Martin nodded to his wife and Kate and then toward their guest as if to say, "This little comedy is the pleasant surprise of a rich man's wooing." But Swinton's eyes were bent on Santa Claus with a queer look of dread and expectancy, could they have gauged his thought.

Not a word was uttered till the fur clad image had closed his task, when a hoarse, rumbling voice, as if it had been made raucous by shouting against polar blasts, issued from under the fur hood, calling them by name and summoning them to receive their gifts. The children's turn came first. The trembling youngsters were loaded with such gorgeous and wonderful toys as they had never dreamed could exist. Will Martin got a box containing a sealskin cap and gloves. The wonderful fur cloak which Santa Claus threw around Mrs. Martin was fit for the shoulders of a queen, as she stood there quivering with curiosity and a dumb presage that feared to name itself and stammering thanks that choked in the throat. In the farmer's hands was placed a large sealed envelope, and he blinked and peered as if he would unravel some clew to the impassive mystery which faced him. He itched to tear open the envelope, but waited.

Kate Lockwood's name was called, and her trembling limbs could scarcely carry her forward. A little box was snapped open and a superb diamond ring blazed like a star. She grew dizzy, for a blinding flash of intelligence came even before that furry mask was torn off with a swift gesture and the bronzed face of Paul, twitching with emotions of joy and tenderness, appeared to them. How the old mother cried and hugged him till her arms were weary; how the men folk wrung his hand and overwhelmed him with broken, eager questioning, and how the children made shy acquaintance with the unknown uncle Santa Claus need not be recounted.

"And has my Kate no greeting?" Paul said. She came forward with cheeks of flame from where she had stood aloof, bewildered with a rush of feelings. He gazed at her shining eyes, and her heart leaped at the lover's deep look. Then he happened to notice the twisted vine of leaf and berry that swayed over her head, the time honored symbol of a thousand sweet mysteries.

"Under the mistletoe, too," he laughed. He was the same old teasing Paul. "That is as it should be." And he took his privilege then and there, drawing her sweet face to his and kissing her on the lips before them all.

"Look," he whispered, "at the inner circle of the ring," and there Kate saw engraved, "From Paul to the woman he loves," and that was Paul's proposal, answered to his satisfaction by one flashing glance, veiled as quickly by the modest eyelashes.

"I've been ringing and hammering at the outer door for five minutes, and no one came, so I walked in," said a new voice as Squire Barber entered. "I suppose you've got everything fixed to your wishes now, and that the mistletoe brought good luck."

"You old fox, you knew all about it," burst forth the farmer, and with a sudden thought he opened the envelope and saw it was a "mortgage satisfaction" paper. "So it was Paul and you that put up this Christmas joke."

"Yes, dad," said Paul without a bit of remorse. "I think we did it in pretty good style too. I started from South Africa at the same time I posted that letter as a blind and landed more than a fortnight since. The rest was easily fixed, and I determined to shake you all up with a big surprise. And I have proved such a successful Santa Claus that a certain young woman has concluded to let me play Santa Claus to her for life."

"Where's Mr. Swinton?" said the farmer, with a keen recollection of incivility, for in the agitation of the scene all had forgotten him. Love is sometimes very selfish. Their guest of the early evening had unobtrusively slipped away. He knew he was one too many.

Christmastide.

Some say that ever 'gainst that season comes
Wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated,
The bird of dawning singeth all night long.
And then, they say, no spirit dares stir abroad;
The nights are wholesome; then no planets strike;
No fairy takes or witch hath power to charm,
So hallowed and so gracious is the time.
—Shakespeare.

METHODS OF THE JAPANESE.

You Are Never Sure of Getting What You Pay for.

An American manufacturer, writing from Japan, says that those alarmists who would make the world believe that the Japanese can do everything don't know what they are talking about, and that the people of the Flowery Land, unless they change their entire nature, or at all events their methods, can never become formidable commercial rivals with any civilized Power. The real fact is that the Japs do nothing; they only half do it, and therein lies the cause of their failure.

The Japs think of nothing but the present; of what he can make now, and how, by making his commodities a little inferior, he can add a few more cents to his profit. There is no such a thing as standard quality. You are never sure of getting the quality you are asked to pay for. So much is this so in Japan that a man seldom buys an article without unwrapping and examining it on the spot. The correspondent continues:

The Japanese mind is so small that it is difficult to weigh it with American scales; in fact, it may be said that it is made up of trifles, and it is the attention—the labored attention—the Jap gives to these trifles which makes him incapable of ever becoming anything more than a unit in whatever he may be concerned in. As an illustration of what I mean, I will give examples which are of daily occurrence. You want to buy an article, and you ask how much it is. The answer is, say, 1 cent. Then you ask how much the articles are by the dozen, fully expecting that you will get them for 10 cents. You are not a little amazed when the merchant tells you thirteen cents the dozen. You get mad, call the man a fool, and insist that you ought to get a reduction by taking a quantity. Not so with the Jap; that is not his way of doing business. It is the same with the manufacturer. You give him an order for a hundred of a kind, and then wish to make it a thousand. Immediately he demands an advance in the price. Should he, however, reluctantly agree to take the increased order at the original price, you will probably get the first hundred articles fairly up to sample but as the delivery goes on the quality is sure to fall off. And this smallness is not confined to small people. It permeates the whole country.—Boston Transcript.

A TREE THAT SLEEPS.

The Transformation Takes Place in About Twenty Minutes.

Near the western border of Dupont Circle, in Washington, D. C., stands a tree that goes to sleep promptly every night at 7 o'clock. The tree is known as the Albizzia Julibrissan, having been christened so by an Italian botanist in honor of the Albizzi family in Florence. The tree, however, is an original of Japan and is known there as the Japanese silk tree, probably on account of the silky appearance of its blossoms. Soon after 7 o'clock in the evening a general motion is noticed in the foliage, a quiver or trembling of the bipinnate leaves. Each leaflet begins to stand up on edge and pairs with the one opposite. They clasp each other tightly and then close up with the other on the petiole, so that each becomes a coverlet over half of the preceding one. The entire transformation takes place in about twenty minutes, and usually at about 7.30 the respiratory organism of this tree hangs limp or droopy on the branches.

Small branches kept in a dark room promptly close at 7 P. M.—New York World.

WIT AND HUMOR.

"I admire the machine very much," she said, as the agent trotted out a new 97 model for her inspection. "It matches my riding costume splendidly."

"Yes," responded the dealer, "our concern rather prides itself upon the enameling of its machines."

"Well, I'll take it, if you will guarantee me one thing."

"What is that?"

"That the color won't fade."

After some thought he gave the guarantee, and she gave up $100.

The Parson—Why, Willie, don't you know that good little boys never fish on Sunday?

Willie—Yes, sir; that's just the reason I'm a-fishing. I stand more show of gettin' a bite when the good fellows are to Sunday-school.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Mr. Pneumony—I'll have two pounds of that sage cheese, and I'll have a pound of impunity, too.

Grocer—Marm?

Mrs. Pneumony—One pound will be enough, I guess. Dr. Koddle says that sage cheese can be eaten with impunity.—Boston Transcript.

"Here, young fellow, I want you to keep your horse off my lawn."

"Say, you're a hard-hearted old bloke."

"What do you mean?"

"Why, dat poor old horse is just a-practicin' de Kneipp cure, dat's what."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Casey.—I called wan av thim doods a liar and he says to me, says he, "tu quoque." Now fwat might that mean?

Walade—It means "you are another."

"Fwat! An I let um get away without hittin' um. Ah, that is fwat a man gits for havin' no education."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"There is one queer thing noticeable at all picnics."

"What's that?"

"The man who makes the most fuss about carrying the basket always eats more than anyone else."

A Klondike Steamer Lost.

The Cleveland Lost and Hundreds May Starve as a Result.

The Merchants' Exchange at San Francisco, has received a telegram from Nanaimo, in which the captain of the missing steamer Cleveland says that his vessel has been wrecked on the coast of Vancouver Island. No other details are given.

The Cleveland left San Francisco for Seattle about fifteen days ago, and it is known that she encountered fierce gales. She carried a crew of 30 men and about 12 passengers. The Cleveland was a large iron steamer, and had a series of misfortunes.

She was owned by Charles Nelson, and was commanded by Captain C. F. Hall. It is supposed the steamer's machinery became disabled, and that she was blown out of her course while under sail.

The steamer went ashore at Cape Beals, on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Among the passengers were W. I. Detrick, Frank Garthan and ten others.

The purser of the ship has arrived at Nanaimo, having gone across the island. He reports twenty two of the crew missing. It is supposed that they took to the boats and were blown out to sea.

MEANS STARVATION FOR HUNDREDS.

The loss of the Cleveland means starvation to hundreds, of whom many cannot survive.

The Cleveland was laden with hundreds of tons of provisions for the Klondike miners. The supplies were destined for Taiya and Skaguay. They were imperatively needed to keep alive the array of miners there.

The loss means that they will be forced to go to short rations early in the winter. As the gravest fears of starvation have been expressed, even counting with the Cleveland's supplies, it is certain that the suffering will be greatly increased.

Klondike merchants have given up the Cleveland. They have telegraphed urgent messages for another shipload of provisions to be rushed through regardless of danger or expense, as it means life or death to hundreds.

PERIL OF OTHER VESSELS.

Eighteen other ships and schooners bound for this port from Gars Harbor are overdue from eleven to fourteen days.

There is no question that many, if not all, of them have been lost in the December gales that have swept their course.

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Who is Out?

Here is something to think about. A man owed $1 and had but 75 cents. He went to a pawn broker and pawned the 75 cents for 50 cents. He met a friend and sold him the pawn ticket calling for 75 cents for 50 cents. He thus had two 50-cent pieces, $1 in fact, with which he paid his debt. Was anyone out and how much?

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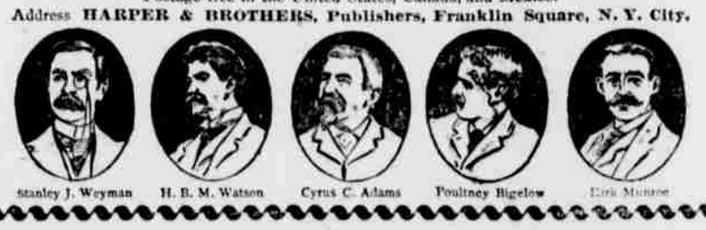

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A CHRISTMAS LULLABY.

Bylow, my babe, bylow,
Here on thy mother's breast,
And, cuddled warm by her loving arm,
Droop down thy head to rest—
Poor, weary head, so filled with doubt
Of life and what it's all about!

Bylow, my babe, bylow,
Curl up in flower wise
Thy rosy feet and white limbs sweet,
My bud of paradise—
Dear, tender limbs, too frail to share
The burden e'en which babes must bear!

Bylow, my babe, bylow,
Let tired eyelids kiss
And from thy sight shut this world's light
And thy world's light from this—
Love radiant eyes, twin stars that shine
Through darkling doubt with trust divine!

Bylow, my babe, bylow,
So shone the star of love
Long years ago, with guiding glow,
The newborn Christ above
And found an answering heavenly ray
Within the manger where he lay!

Bylow, my babe, bylow,
The star still rains its fire,
And the Master mild in the heart of a child
Bids echoing flame aspire,
And sphere and soul in concord sing,
"The King is born, and love is king!"

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UNCLE WILL'S GIFT.

A TRUE STORY RELATED BY HIS NEPHEW.

On Christmas day Uncle William received a card inscribed as follows:

William Bunting, Esq., debtor to his nephews Alexander and Fred and to his nieces Norah and Dorothea, for money expended in his behalf $0 16

Uncle William paid the money at once, but he wrote to say that he should like to know how it happened that he owed us 16 cents. It was Alexander who had sent the bill in—for a boy of 12 he really is most

WE SPENT THE ODD FOURTEEN CENTS ON A WHITE JAVA MOUSE.

businesslike—and we deputed him to answer Uncle William's letter. He did so. He replied that the 16 cents was the sum spent in excess of the sum subscribed by Alexander, Fred, Norah and Dorothea for the purpose of giving Uncle William a Christmas present. Then Uncle William wanted to know how, if this was the case, it happened he never got the Christmas present from us. Alexander said that he did not feel inclined to go into any further details. He sent Uncle William back the bill properly receipted and a little note to say that the correspondence on this subject must now terminate.

Perhaps the thing does seem a little strange, but the explanation is perfectly simple, and I give it. I am Norah, and Alexander and I are twins. The other two are quite young. It was I who first had the notion that we ought to give Uncle William a Christmas present. When any of us has a notion, she or he calls a meeting of the others. That was what I did.

I said that Uncle William was always giving us presents and yet we never gave him anything. It was true that he had said nothing about it, but I was sure that he must have felt it. Christmas was now near, and it would be a good opportunity for us.

This was agreed. Alexander and I each contributed 30 cents—10 cents more than Fred or Dorothea. Thus the total sum was $1, for which a very good present might have been bought — something which would have shown uncle every time he looked at it that his nephews and nieces thought about him a good deal and tried to please him, even at some personal sacrifice to themselves. We did not decide what the present was to be at once, because Alexander said that would have been grossly irregular. We were to have committee meetings every day about it and discuss it thoroughly. Fred was appointed treasurer of the fund. He put it all in waistcoat pocket and got me to sew the pocket up for him in case of accidents.

At the next meeting Dorothea suggested that we should buy chocolates (French) in a box. It was objected that Uncle William never ate chocolates. "No," said Dorothea, "he doesn't, but he sometimes gives them away. Then next time he wanted to give anybody any he wouldn't have to buy them." Fred thought that it would be dishonorable to give chocolates, and we agreed with him. We then decided to buy a tobacco pouch, which certainly would have been a suitable present. There are very few shops in our village, so

WHILE WE WERE HAVING BREAKFAST AT THE STATION HE DID HIS ACCOUNTS.

Alexander and I took the train next afternoon to a larger town, in order to buy the pouch. Alexander was to pay everything and to be reimbursed out of the fund.

The two return tickets were 20 cents, and we had refreshments at the station which came to 16 cents. Alexander said that this was usual and committees always had refreshments. We were left with 64 cents to spend on the pouch. However, we found that we could get very good pouches for 50 cents each. I wanted to get a black one and Alexander wanted brown. So we decided not to buy either yet, but to take the votes of the whole committee on it. We spent the odd 14 cents on a white Java mouse. We felt sure Uncle William would like it. The man in the store said that people often came in offering as much as 25 cents each for mice of that particular kind. When we got back—the mouse traveled in Alexander's pocket—we at once held another committee meeting.

Dorothea said that if Alexander and I had refreshments the rest of the committee ought to have them also. So we had chocolates—10 cents' worth. We agreed to purchase the black pouch. Fred suggested that there was just a possibility that Uncle William would not care about the mouse. Alexander said that he would telegraph about it, and did. This was the telegram:

UNCLE WILLIAM—Do you like white Java mouse? Tame. Eats anything.
ALEXANDER.

In about an hour the answer came back:

Most certainly not.

This caused us some consternation. It was thought better to go to town again on the morrow and see if the man in the store would take back the mouse. In the meantime Fred's pocket was unpicked and the entire fund handed over to Alexander in order that he might reimburse himself. Alexander said that he would keep accounts, and if there was anything over he would get some very cheap present—perhaps a card. The pouch was, of course, now impossible.

He and I went together as before. While we were having refreshments at the station he did his accounts.

"They don't come out very well," he said rather dolefully, "but perhaps we shall be taking the mouse back just when some one is wanting to give a quarter for a real Java one."

He felt in his coat pocket as he spoke, and then he looked more doleful still. The mouse had escaped during the journey. The accounts were thus:

Expenses of first visit to town	$0 36
White Java mouse	14
Chocolates	10
Telegram	20
Expenses of second visit	36
	$1 16

"We are 16 cents to the bad," I said, "and we haven't got any present. The refreshments have come to so much this time."

"All committees and delegates of committees have refreshments," said Alexander dictatorially. "It doesn't matter. I've paid the deficit so far, but Uncle William will have to make it up. It's all his fault. If he hadn't been there, we shouldn't have wanted to be generous to him."

So we sent Uncle William the bill. He is still rather puzzled about it. Fred and Dorothea think the thing was mismanaged. I don't. No more does Alexander.

CHRISTMAS AND CHESS.

Fiction and Fact Concerning the Origin of the Game.

The oldest game known is associated with the season we now designate as holiday week. According to the Brahmans, chess was invented in the second age of the world, about the time of the shortest day of the year, by the wife of Ravan, king of Lauka, then capital of Ceylon, in order to furnish him with amusement by an imagery of war, it being supposed he was personally unable to participate in its excitements and dangers while his chief city was closely besieged by an enemy.

Similarly the Chinese annals relate that an inventive mandarin, 2,000 years ago, while on a military expedition—when the sun shone the fewest hours—whose laborious effects undermined the endurance and esprit de corps of his soldiers, devised the game of chess as an exercise which would at the same time not only amuse but inspire them with martial ardor.

The oft told story of Palamedes is but a repetition of the mandarin anecdote, only that he was then at the siege of Troy and, presumably, had many "spare moments" during those weary ten years. But it is wholly impossible for chess either to have had its beginning in the manner purported or to have been accepted enthusiastically and intelligently by a camp of ignorant, barbarous soldiery. Like friendship, it must have been "a plant of slow growth," and in its infancy represented the attacks and stratagems of two or three opposing forces. These tales are fables—creations of the fancy—while the veritable history of the game may be divided into three epochs: (1) That of the ancient Hindoo game called chaturanga, which is coeval with the most ancient period of Indian chronology and extends to the beginning of the fifteenth century; (2) that lasting but 100 years, ending in the sixteenth century, up to which time the moves and powers of the chessmen remained principally as in the chaturanga, though the men were ranked in two armies instead of in four and two of the kings were transformed into queens; (3) the modern epoch in which the moves of the queen and of the bishop have been greatly extended and the privilege and practice of "castling" has been introduced. The game has consequently undergone a gradual improvement and extension as skilled exponents have brought to bear upon it their ingenuity and experience.

ALBERT P. SOUTHWICK.

A Christmas Reminiscence.

One of the most remarkable features of the siege of Paris in 1870 was the enormous increase in the appetites of the citizens of that unhappy city. The author of "France In the Nineteenth Century," who was a witness of the scenes she describes, wrote: "Thinking about food stimulated the craving for it, and before the end of the year there were serious apprehensions of famine. Christmas day of that sad year came at last and New Year's day, the great and joyful fete in all French families. A few confectioners kept their stores open and a few boxes of bonbons were sold, but presents of potatoes or small packages of coffee were by this time more acceptable gifts."

Nothing during the holiday season was plentiful in Paris but champagne and Colman's mustard. The rows upon rows of the last named article in the otherwise empty windows of the groceries reminded Englishmen and Americans alike of Grumio's cruel offer to Katherine of the mustard without the beef, since she could not have the beef with the mustard.

The following is the bill of fare of a dinner given at a French restaurant upon that Christmas day:

"Soup from horse meat. Mince of cat. Shoulder of dog, with tomato sauce. Jugged cat, with mushrooms. Roast donkey and potatoes. Rats, peas and celery. Mice on toast. Plum pudding."

It seems most too ridiculous for belief, but the menu is genuine.

CARPET MAKER MISSING.

Absent Man's Wife's Pathetic Plea to Unpaid Workmen.

James W. Barker, of Norristown, a member of Town Council, is mysteriously absent, and Friday forenoon the Norristown Carpet Mill, of which he recently became sole owner, was closed down, throwing out of employment nearly 150 hands. This outcome of Mr. Barker's disappearance was being discussed at the mill in all its various phases, when the missing man's wife, prostrated by his departure, arose from a sick bed and went to the carpet factory to silence the workmen, who were using language reflecting on Mr. Barker and his family. She implored the men, with all the pathos of a broken-hearted woman, to believe that she was ignorant of any intention on her husband's part to flee from his creditors.

Mr. Barker has been missing since December 8, when he left, ostensibly to visit Washington, D. C., on business. H. C. Townsend, bookkeeper at the carpet mill, said on Friday:

"I went to Philadelphia on Saturday last, presented some bills to a firm and asked for some money on account of a large order on which the mill was working. I was told that Mr. Barker had been given a check for $2400 and got it cashed, one of the firm accompanying him to a bank for the purpose of identifying him."

Mr. Barker's sample trunks are known to have reached Washington, but there is no trace of his movements since December 8. He returned to Norristown after receiving the money, and left in the evening.

Executions for $4500 were issued Friday morning by T. J. Keveney & Brothers, of New York, sales agents for Mr. Barker, who in July advanced him $6000. Thursday afternoon George Kreckstein, of the Exchange Hotel, entered judgment against Mr. Barker for $250. Other Norristown persons are financially interested in the missing man to the extent of $19,000, having secured a second mortgage against the carpet mill, on which a trust company made a loan for starting Mr. Barker in business when he became owner of the mill, after it had passed from the hands of the assignee of H. C. Townsend & Company, by whom it was formerly owned and operated. The first mortgage against the plant is for $14,000.

A Central American Union.

Nicaragua, Salvador and Honduras Will Form a Sovereign Nation.

Official information has been received at Washington that the Greater Republics of Central America are about to extend their union, so as to give it all the attributes of a sovereign nation. At present the three countries forming the union—Nicaragua, Salvador and Honduras—have a Diet which conducts diplomatic relations with the outer world, while each country maintains its own separate government of internal affairs.

This has created the impression that the Greater Republic was merely an alliance of three republics, but not a republic in itself. It has been the chief cause of trouble in sending ministers from the United States to Central America.

In view of this feeling, Senator Corea, the Representative in Washington of the Greater Republics, wrote to the secretary of the Diet, asking for authority to state that the Government was to be more than an alliance.

In reply, the secretary, Mr. Mendoza, writes to Mr. Corea that a complete union is about to be formed. It will no longer be a union for diplomatic intercourse only, open to the criticism of being an alliance, but will be a fusing of all the interests of the several governments into one sovereign State. Mr. Corea has not been informed as to the details of this complete union, but he says he believes it will be accomplished by February, if not earlier.

The other two of the five Central American States, to wit, Guatamala and Costa Rica have not yet given adherence to the Union, but it is more than likely they will at an early day. The five states comprise about 170,000 square miles with a population of about 3,000,000, but of very mixed nationalities and peoples. Since 1821 it has been independent of Spain, and it seems an easy thing to establish a government like as the United States. The country is very rich in minerals, including gold and silver. It produces cotton, coffee, sugar, tobacco, indigo, cocoa and many other vegetable productions. Peace and unity would tend greatly to the development of the country and then happiness and wealth of the people.

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Many ineffectual attempts have been made to recover this treasure. All sorts of devices have been tried, but nothing but discouragement seems to follow each effort. Everybody seems to be skeptical about the affair, except those who compose the company, but they feel satisfied of its presence.

The alleged copper box first saw the light of day about thirty years ago, when Albert Hoding, father of the Hoding boys, weighed anchor in the river; he having stopped in the channel for the tide to change while raking a load of manure to Bristol. He saw the box or chest as it was fastened to one of the anchor flukes, but it fell off while the crew were trying to secure it. He felt satisfied that it contained gold, and when he died he confided the secret to his children. They have previously made vain attempts to get it, and the persistency with which they are pushing the matter in the face of all discouragement is due to the use of a scientific instrument for locating gold that has been brought into use. These men evidently have a great deal of patience and some little money to burn.

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A. H. BLOOM,
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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of writ of alias Fi. Fa. and Vend. Ex. issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pa., and to me directed there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in Bloomsburg on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1897.

at 2 o'clock, P. M. all that certain piece, parcel or lot of ground situate in the town of Bloomsburg Columbia County and State of Pennsylvania at the south-east corner of Ninth Street and an extension of Iron Street, thence along said Ninth Street north sixty-five degrees and fifty minutes east, three hundred feet to lands lately laid out and sold by O. A. Jacoby and his administrators, thence by same south twenty-eight degrees and five minutes east, one hundred and twenty-eight and one-tenth feet thence westwardly parallel with Ninth Street three hundred seven and one-fourth feet to Iron Street aforesaid, thence by same north twenty-four degrees and twenty minutes west one hundred and twenty-eight feet to the place of beginning, whereon are erected a two-story Brick Building used for manufacturing purposes, and outbuildings.

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J. B. McHENRY, Sheriff.
WALLER, HERRING, Attys. Dec. 9, '97 ts

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Estate of Wm. Rohrbach, late of Franklin Twp., deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Wm. Rohrbach, late of Franklin township, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administrator, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payments, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to

L. D. ROHRBACH, Admr.
Snyder, Atty.
11-25-6t*.

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W. C. JOHNSTON, Administrator, Jerseytown, Pa.
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The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

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Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder troubles. So the womb, like the bladder, was created for one purpose, and if not doctored too much is not liable to weakness or diseases, except in rare cases. It is situated back of and very close to the bladder, therefore any pain, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort. The error is easily made and may be as easily avoided. To find out correctly, set your urine aside for twenty four hours; a sediment or settling indicates kidney or bladder trouble. The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root, the great kidney, and bladder remedy, is soon realized. If you need a medicine you should have the best. At druggists fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail. Mention THE COLUMBIAN and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

THE FARMERS' NATIONAL BANK,

At Bloomsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business, Dec. 15, 1897.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$152,879 60
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		19.22
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		50,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds		5,000.00
Bonds, securities, etc		58,112.50
Banking-house, furniture, and fixtures		4,500.00
Other real estate and mortgages owned		1,967.48
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)		12,350.97
Due from State Banks and Bankers		521.26
Due from approved reserve agents		9,448.24
Checks and other cash items		1,479.00
Notes of other National Banks		15.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents		129.53
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:		
Specie	$ 9,408.90	
Legal-tender notes	6,338.00	15,746.90
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas'r (5 per cent. of circulation)		2,250.00
Total		$314,419.70

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund		10,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid		7,581.20
National Bank notes outstanding		45,000.00
Due to other National Banks		8,475.64
Due to State Banks and Bankers		1,708.09
Dividends unpaid	$ 1,152.00	
Individual deposits subject to check	189,968.51	
Certified checks	176.90	
Cashier's checks outstanding	357.36	191,654.77
Total		$ 314,419.70

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, COUNTY OF COLUMBIA, SS:

I, A. H. BLOOM, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
A. H. BLOOM, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of December, 1897.
JOHN C. RUTTER, JR., Notary Public.

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WILKES-BARRE, PA.,
December 23rd, 1897.

With the passing of the 52nd week in '97, our Wilkes-Barre store is 1,924 weeks old—our Scranton store just begun—two weeks old. Reckon this by the years and we are nigh unto the 4th generation of the thousands upon thousands of families round about the country, mountains and hills of our far reaching valleys, whose trade is secured to us by their confidence in our reliable selling. Grateful for your patronage, we announce a bagain celebration in our Wilkes-Barre store, where we shall be pleased to have you come or send us an order by mail. By our liberal methods, any article purchased, if not satisfactory, will be cheerfully exchanged or money refunded.

Ladies' Jackets, in fine kersey, melton, beavers and boucles, some lined throughout, beautifully finished, marvelous values, that sold at $12.50 and $15, we now give you the pick of the lot at $9.95.

Children's Reefers and Children's Short Cloaks at $1.95, $4.95 and $6.50. These are special celebration reductions.

Fine mohair astrachan Capes, full sweep, pleated back, thibet edge, silk lined, only $7.50.

Handsome effects in fancy dress goods in plaids, boucle and cheviot, regular 35c. quality this week at 25c. per yard. Special values in fine black dress goods including soliels, boucles, crepons, storm serges and pretty novelties, instead of their price $1 and $1.25 per yard, this week will be 75c.

Ladies' new coin toe, grain, leather button Shoes, instead of the price $1.75, will be this week $1.23.

Ladies' box calf skating Boot, instead of $5 will be $3.

Ladies' box calf lace Shoes, coin toes, very stylish, will be reduced from $3.50 to $2.45.

Misses' solar tip button shoes which were formerly $1.25 and $1.50, will go this week at 98c.

Ladies' four button dog skin Gloves, fancy embroidered back, strong for winter wear, tan, brown, green, black white, with self and black embroidered, worth $1, will be for celebration week 59c.

Ladies' black Hose with white feet, also plain black with double sole, high spliced heel, the regular 35c. value will be 25c.

Good square horse Blankets, striped border, at $1.39.

Good stable Blankets with sursingle attachment, at 90c.

Fine plush Robes, double faced, full size at $2.

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